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Syrian refugees arrive at Pearson as Toronto steps up

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TRAFFIC

Paying to take Gardiner, DVP will solve road woes: Expert

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

The solution to Toronto’s traffic congestion can be found inside drivers’ wallets, says one expert.

Drivers in the city already face one of the longest commutes in Canada. Transport Futures director Martin Collier believes tolls and congestion pricing is the only way to get people moving again.

“In Toronto, there’s no more room to build new infrastructure, so we have to manage demand,” he said. “And the best way to do that is through road pricing.”

Collier’s comments come as the city considers adding tolls to the Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parkway. A report released this week suggests adding a $3 fee could reduce travel times by 11 per cent on the Gardiner and 16 per cent on the DVP.

Collier said tolling the Gardiner is a “no-brainer.”

“It costs so much to keep it up,” he said. “Making everyone in the city who doesn’t use it have to pay is ridiculous.”

Tolls and other pricing have been successful in other cities. Collier said places like London and Stockholm have seen downtown traffic drop by up to 30 per cent, while also raising revenue.

“You can use that money to make transit better, build complete streets and make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists,” he said. “All it takes is political leadership.”

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Tory says funds and time to blame for bid decision

OLYMPICS

Councillor believes mayor let deadline 'quietly slip by'

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Disappointed, sad and flabbergasted. Those were just some of the feelings on display in Toronto on Tuesday after it was confirmed the city won't bid for the 2024 Olympic Games.

Mayor John Tory made the announcement after weeks of deliberation and criticism from some corners of his council.

"One day Toronto will be a great venue for the Olympic Games, but not in 2024," said Tory.

That was disappointing news for Coun. Anthony Perruzza, who wanted Toronto to bid and had publicly called on Tory to hold a special meeting so councillors could debate the issue in public.

Tory addressed that Tuesday. He said he decided not to hold a council meeting — and instead focused on consulting the "vast array of other people who would be integral" to putting a bid together — because if he had, he wouldn't have been able to answer all of the councillors' questions.

No Olympics for Toronto — this time. Mayor John Tory makes the announcement Tuesday. STEVE GOETZ/FOR METRO

"That's silly," said Perruzza. "Of course he didn't have all the answers. Of course he wouldn't know all the details of a bid. To pawn it off like that, I'm flabbergasted, quite frankly."

Perruzza said he personally believes it was Tory's plan, all along, "to let the deadline quietly slip by, don't engage Torontonians with the subject matter, don't stoke the flames or the fires of that particular decision at all and circumvent a very integral part of the democratic process in Toronto: a council debate."

> **I'm sad that the mayor has decided to do it this way.**
> Coun. Anthony Perruzza

Tory said he made his decision late Monday afternoon and had been "making calls and getting information" right up until the last minute, including a Sunday-afternoon conference call with the International Olympic Committee.

One of the big factors was time, he said. There was no group rallying support for an Olympic bid until after the Pan Am Games, which made his talks with corporations and efforts to secure a privately financed bid more difficult.

"There weren't people who said a thousand times no, but nobody was rushing forward with their chequebooks to hand me big cheques. So I think time worked against us in building that kind of support you have to have from the community, including business, to make this work," he said.

He was first approached by Canadian Olympic Committee president Marcel Aubut about hosting the Olympics shortly after he was elected last year, Aubut told Metro in a recent interview.

Tory wouldn't say if starting the discussion on the Olympic bid then would have made a difference, and his communications director Amanda Galbraith said on his behalf that that early discussion was not "in any way significant."

INFRASTRUCTURE

Now that Toronto isn't bidding on the 2024 Games, will the city still get the infrastructure it needs?

Before Mayor John Tory announced he's decided against an Olympic bid, proponents, including Canadian Olympic Committee president Marcel Aubut, had promoted the Games as a way for Toronto to get funding and political will from upper levels of government for the infrastructure the city needs.

But in his speech about his Olympic decision, delivered on top of the Snack Bar at Nathan Phillips Square on Tuesday morning, Tory said the Games won't be necessary for Toronto to get money for transit, roads and housing infrastructure.

"I also understand that an Olympics could serve as a catalyst for infrastructure and to build it on an accelerated basis but I'm convinced we can do those things without an Olympic candidacy," said Tory. "Making that investment happen shouldn't be contingent on a vote of the International Olympic Committee."

According to Gabriel Eidelman, an assistant professor in the School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Toronto, hosting the Olympics can accelerate infrastructure spending, but it's possible that Toronto will get everything it needs without the games.

"Could we? In theory. Is it likely? Probably not," he said. JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

OPINION

With no bid, Toronto will miss out on more than memories

Fernando Carneiro
Metro | Toronto

It could have been memories and subways.

Instead, we decided to watch from the sidelines while other cities bid for the 2024 Olympics.

What a miss! Toronto had so much to gain. The Olympic Games is one of those few events that brings people together through shared experiences and forces the hands of politicians to deliver on long-needed infrastructure.

I lived in Vancouver during the 2010 Winter Olympics, and the experience was a little magical. Neighbours who had silently shared the elevator with me for years would get in and immediately ask, "What did you do today?"

Well, one day I went up a mountain and watched the first Canadian athlete win a gold medal at home. Another day I had a pint of Steamwhistle at Ontario House — a nice taste of home for this Toronto transplant after five years on the West Coast. And almost nightly, I watched the fireworks show.

I heard the thunder of the bobsleds on Whistler Mountain and watched in awe what people can do on snowboards — athletes who can do so much more than me.

Those memories are still vivid and have pushed me to want to excel in the things I love.

Then there's the tangible stuff: swimming pools, parks and more.

I interviewed Canadian Olympic kayaker Adam van Koeverden ahead of the Pan Am Games. He pointed at two long-delayed projects: the Union Pearson Express and our waterfront. Both were finished in time to welcome the Americas.

"People talk about expanding the Toronto subway. You announce an Olympics, and it gets done!" Van Koeverden said at the time.

He's right — and it's the average person on the street who benefits from these projects. Vancouver finished a new SkyTrain line that people can take to neighbouring Richmond, all the way to the airport. It was built 15 weeks ahead of schedule and continues to exceed projected ridership numbers. Go Canada!

Athens gets criticized for building sports venues that are rarely used or abandoned; Sochi for costing $51 billion; Rio de Janeiro for not cleaning up its waterways. This was our opportunity to lead, to show the world — no, ourselves — that we can do it right.

There's so much about Toronto people need to see. In a lot of ways, the world is already here — we had kids from more than 80 different countries in my Scarborough elementary school and we all got along.

Mayor John Tory has said an advisory board will be created to look for international hosting opportunities. Let's believe in ourselves and bid for a future Olympic Games.

I'm someone who enjoys travelling the world. Having lived in an Olympic city, it's special, too, when the world travels to you.

IN BRIEF

Person killed by GO train

A pedestrian has been struck and killed by a GO Train in Brampton Tuesday evening.

The victim's identity was not disclosed.

GO Transit reported on their website that the Georgetown-bound train that left Union Station at 6:50 p.m. ended its journey at Bramalea GO station instead as a result of the incident. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GARBAGE COLLECTION

'Unanswered questions' in report

Mayor John Tory's council allies are questioning the numbers used by city staff to recommend against contracting out garbage collection east of Yonge Street.

A report released Tuesday found it may actually cost more to privatize pickup in at least one east-end district despite what the city says was $11 million in annual savings from contracting out the same services in the west end.

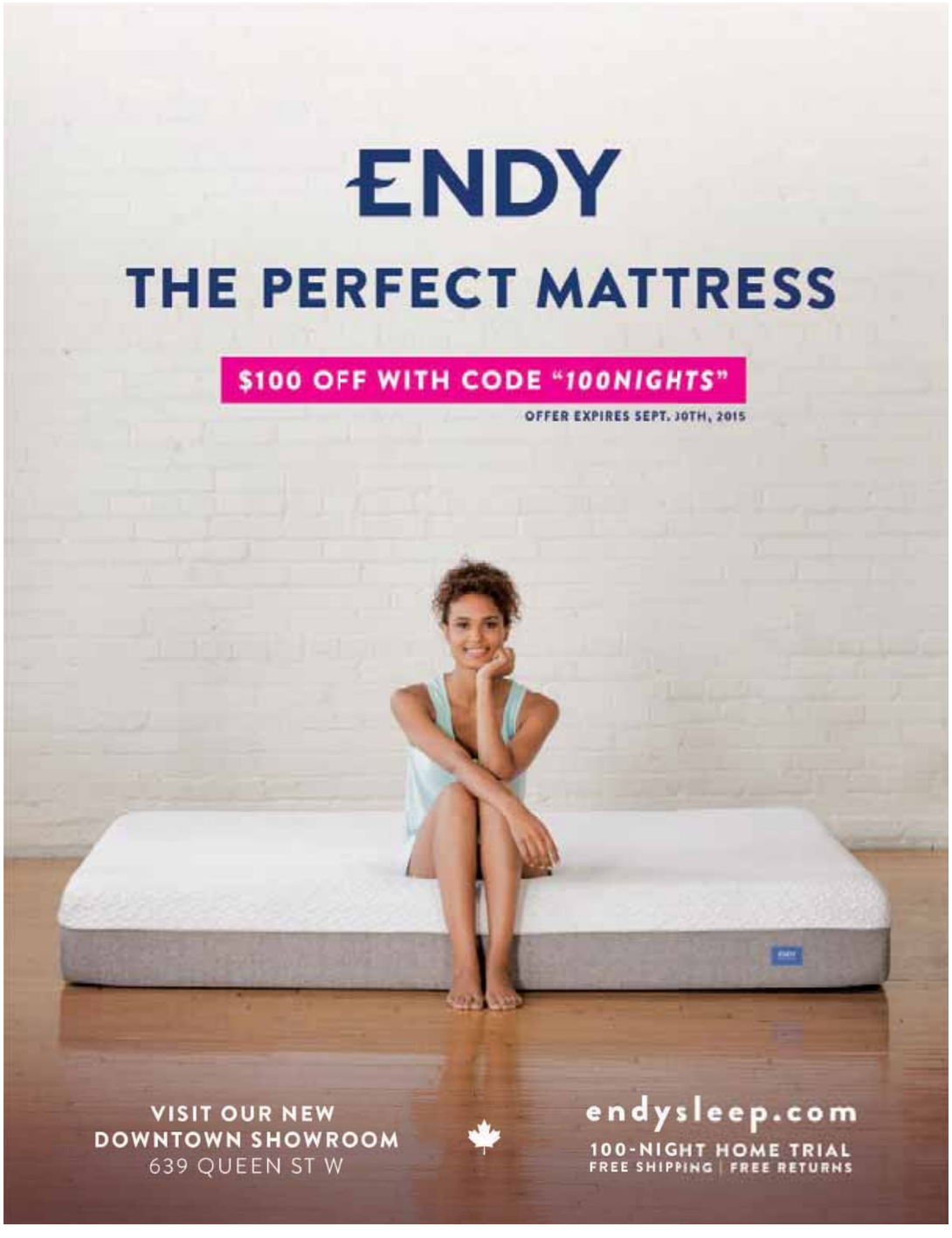
That creates a challenge for Tory, who during the mayoral election promised to privatize the remaining garbage pickup, citing cost savings — a long-held position by rivals Rob and Doug Ford.

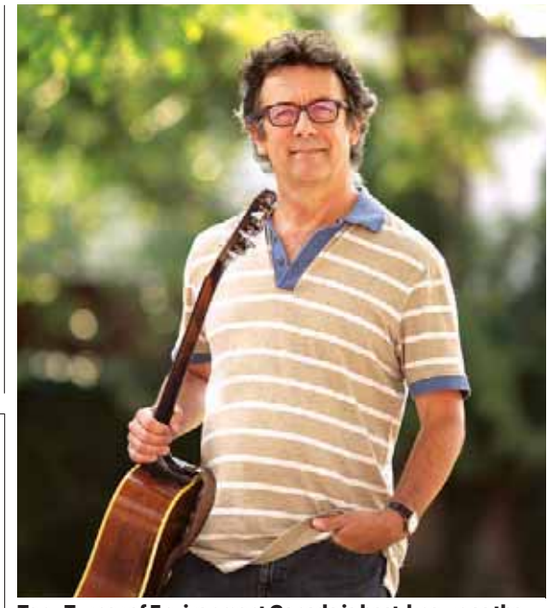
But after taking office, Tory said staff warned him those savings had been significantly reduced.

"There are a number of unanswered questions in the report including private sector bid costs, which have been assumed and are not tested, and the impact, if any, new collective bargaining agreements could have on the city's cost figures," Tory's office said in a statement.

Public works and infrastructure committee chair Councillor Jaye Robinson, a member of Tory's executive who says she's in favour of contracting out, said she won't accept the report as-is.

She said she may move to defer the report to a later date with the contracts for unionized city workers expiring at the end of the year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE





Tony Turner of Environment Canada is best-known as the creator of "Harperman." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Chorus builds Canada-wide

ELECTION 2015

Song penned by suspended scientist going live Thursday

You won't see or hear singer/songwriter Tony Turner when his anti-Stephen Harper ditty, Harperman, is performed on Thursday at several locations in Toronto.

You also won't see him or hear when Harperman is sung on Thursday on Parliament Hill, or at any of the 41 events across Canada, in French and English, from Fredericton, N.B., to Elliot Lake, Ont., to Nanaimo, B.C.

Turner has been keeping a low public profile since he was suspended from his civil service job last month for performing the song on YouTube.

But plenty of other people want to sing it.

You might be offered a Harperman song sheet if you're wandering through Vermont Square Park on Palmerston Avenue and Seaton Village.

Other Toronto events are slated for Queen's Park and Nathan Phillips Square.

Environment Canada spokesman Mark Johnson said it would be inappropriate to discuss the specifics of any particular case.

Turner's pre-suspension duties included mapping out paths of migratory birds.

"With a month to go to voting day, these joyful singing events across Canada help remind Canadians of our inherent values and rights," said singalong organizer Chris White.

Turner, a scientist at Environment Canada, was suspended from his civil service job last month for posting the song Harperman on YouTube.

Turner's song and suspension have attracted more than two million YouTube views and media interest from France, Germany, Australia, Russia, Iran and England, as well as across Canada.

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'GET OUT OF TOWN'

Turner's campfire-style song accuses Harper of a litany of misdeeds, from being a "two-bit control freak" and muzzling scientists to patronage and ignoring "the cause of everything."

The chorus goes: "Time to move on, on, on/ Get out of town, town, town."

Its verses include: "Who's the king of secrecy? Harperman, Harperman. Who has slashed the CBC? Harperman, Harperman."

While Turner isn't expected to be seen, plenty of others will be joining together in song, calling on Stephen Harper to quit office or "get out of town."

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Get rich with UberX? Think again

Uber Canada celebrated a year since launching UberX in Toronto by releasing some revealing data about the popular — and controversial — ride-sharing service that lets regular drivers earn money using their personal vehicles as taxis. According to the company, there are currently more than 16,000 UberX drivers in Toronto who have collectively been paid more than $50 million. Metro crunched the numbers to see if the company's claims about driver earnings add up.

LUKE SIMCOE AND STEVEN GOETZ METRO

Uber says $23/hr

Uber spokesman Xavier Van Chau said UberX drivers in Toronto earn an average wage of **$23/hour**; that's after the company collects its 20 per cent cut and $1.50 "Safe Rides" fee.

Based on Uber's data, the average fare per trip is **$11.36**. The average trip length is **7.73 kilometres**.

The UberX platform does not offer passengers a way to tip drivers, and asking for them is strongly discouraged by the company.

the real costs $4.17/trip

According to CAA, a mid-size car in Ontario costs its owner $0.54 per kilometre after accounting for fuel, insurance, licence fees, depreciation and maintenance.

For UberX drivers, that's an average cost of **$4.17** per trip.

UberX drivers who earn more than $30,000 per year are obligated to pay HST. Based on the average fare, that's **$1.48** per trip.

Uber claims every ride is backed by $5 million of commercial auto insurance. But the Insurance Bureau of Canada warns that driving to generate income invalidates most personal insurance policies and can leave drivers without any coverage in the event of an accident. That means UberX drivers may have to shell out for commercial insurance, which can cost five times as much as personal coverage.

but what do UberX drivers really make? $11.50/hr

What do UberX drivers actually make?

$11.36 (average trip) - **$4.17** (other expenses) - **$1.48** (HST) = **$5.71.**

Driver-incurred costs potentially eat up half of what UberX drivers get paid.

So, if Uber's $23 claim is correct, drivers can expect to pocket approximately **$11.50/hour** — only 25 cents more than Ontario's new minimum wage (as of Oct. 1) — and that's without factoring in the added cost of commercial insurance policies.

Nick Raats has been an UberX driver for about a month, working 60 to 65 hours per week. He loves the "freedom" to choose when to work and relies on his earnings as he gets his web-design company off the ground. Raats says his best day was last Friday:

"I made $350 driving for about 15 hours."

However, that same night he had his first drunk passenger, a man who stumbled out of a TIFF party at 3 a.m. and urinated on his car.

Raats would prefer Uber add HST to the fare. He's also waiting for the details of a new partnership with Intact Insurance to offer coverage for Uber drivers.

"I am concerned that if I report I am driving for Uber, my insurance company will drop my coverage," he said. STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO

REGULATION

Ride-sharing is 'a type of taxi cab service': Poll

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Most Torontonians consider UberX to be "a type of taxi cab service," according to a poll commissioned by Beck Taxi — a company that's fighting to see UberX regulated as a taxi cab service.

Kristine Hubbard, operations manager for Beck Taxi, said the company commissioned a survey by Harris Poll in order to find out what Torontonians think about UberX and present that to city hall.

It found three quarters of people who are familiar with UberX described it as a type of cab service.

"It's important now that people are starting to see through these words like 'ride-sharing,'" Hubbard said. "This is ride-hailing, what a taxi does."

The survey also found that Torontonians familiar with Uber said they expect the company to carry insurance and do background checks on their drivers — but many don't think they actually do.

Hubbard said she believes the survey goes to show UberX should be regulated just like a taxi service.

UberX has maintained it is a technology company, and in July a judge agreed, finding there was no evidence UberX was a taxi broker under Toronto's current law. Now, the city is investigating changes to its laws that would bring Uber under some regulations, but not necessarily the same regulations as traditional cab companies such as Beck.

Beck Taxi operations manager Kristine Hubbard says the recent findings of the Harris Poll indicate that systems like Uber should be handled like taxis. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Refugees arrive at Hungary's Hegyshalom railway station on the Austrian border on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Toronto's surge of help for Syrians

metro The Syrian Crisis
Local response

Organization seeing greater action toward sponsorship

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's attitude toward the Syrian refugee crisis has undergone a major shift.

"People are no longer coming with the questions 'Should I do this?' or 'Can I do this?'" said Ratna Omidvar, chairwoman of Lifeline Syria and executive director of the Global Diversity Exchange program at Ryerson University. "They're saying 'I'm doing this, I've got my friends and family organized and we've got some money already.' They're actually on the move."

Meanwhile, about 30 Syrian refugees arrived in Toronto on Tuesday, meeting family members and sponsors at Pearson airport, CTV reported. It was not immediately clear when their sponsorship applications were submitted.

On the same day, Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada announced $250,000 in grants available to help refugee-aid efforts in 50 faith communities — the latest in a series of such pledges coming from a variety of organizations.

Lifeline Syria itself has pledged to help sponsor at least 1,000 Syrian refugees and has been having meetings with groups to guide them through the process.

More than 160 private sponsorship groups have now officially registered and are ready to start the complex process of preparing and submitting applications. A meeting is planned for Wednesday to help give the groups guidance.

Additional sponsorship information sessions are planned in the near future for more than 500 other people interested in learning more.

"We have a few cases at various stages of completion," said Omidvar, herself a member of a group that will soon be submitting a sponsorship application for a Syrian family.

"But the process is very onerous. It's a 52-page application, and it's not going to happen overnight. It's not like filing an application for your driver's licence," she said.

Advocates, meanwhile, will continue to push for government measures that can speed up application processing.

"We are hoping it could take at least six months for the families to arrive, rather than two years," Omidvar said.

"There are very practical, pragmatic details," she said, referring to preparations that must be made to welcome a family.

That includes arranging for housing, picking them up when they arrive in Canada and making sure they're financially stable.

EDUCATION

U of T ranks 34th in global list of schools

The University of Toronto ranked 34th in a global ranking of the world's top post-secondary institutions, according to the QS World University Rankings.

The top Canadian university was McGill (24th), while the University of British Columbia also made the top 50, in 50th spot.

Topping the list was the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, followed by Harvard, with the University of Cambridge and Stanford tied at third spot.

Rounding out the top 10 are Caltech, the University of Oxford, University College London, Imperial College London, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology and the University of Chicago.

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The listing began in 2004 and ranks 400 universities while assessing thousands around the globe.

The most important factor in the rating system is academic reputation, which contributes to 40 per cent of the score.

For this grade, QS said almost 76,800 academics worldwide were surveyed on where they believe the best work is taking place inside their area of expertise.

Two categories which each accounted for 20 per cent of the grade were student-to-faculty ratio and citations per faculty.

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City of Toronto staff have recommended studying the impact of adding tolls to the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway, claiming a $3 toll could drastically reduce travel times. Here's a look at four cities around the world that have implemented congestion charges and how it's affected their commutes.

LUKE SIMCOE METRO

London

Cost $23.38 CAD (£11.50) per day

One of the most well-known congestion pricing schemes in the Western world was implemented in London in 2003. Known as cordon system, the London congestion charge is applied to any vehicles entering Central London between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays. Studies have shown that traffic congestion has been reduced by at least 10 per cent. About half the revenue from the congestion charge has been reinvested in other transportation initiatives. Areas for cars were converted into pedestrian spaces. A more recent study found the congestion charge also reduced the frequency of traffic collisions in Central London by nearly 40 per cent.

Singapore

Cost: $14.18 CAD ($15 SGD) at peak times.

Due to its small land area and large population, Singapore began feeling the congestion crunch earlier than other nations. The government implemented congestion pricing, known as the Area Licensing Scheme in 1975, charging drivers a toll to enter the central business district. When it was first introduced, studies showed a 76 per cent reduction in rush-hour congestion and a nine per cent increase in transit use.

Milan

Cost: $7.47 CAD (5 EUR)

Milan's congestion pricing system actually began as an environmental initiative. Faced with a growing air pollution problem, the city began charging high-polluting vehicles a fee to enter the downtown core in 2008. Revenue from the program was re-invested in public transit, cycling paths and green vehicle programs. After the charge was implemented, the number of vehicles entering the city dropped by about 12 per cent.

Stockholm

Cost: $3.60 CAD (2.41 EUR) at peak times

After a period of intense debate, Stockholm implemented a seven-month congestion pricing trial in 2006. The city immediately noticed a 30-per-cent reduction in congestion. Not only did people driving get a better trip, but all the transit started running better. Foreign-registered vehicles are exempt from the charge in an effort not to dissuade tourism. Approval for the system has risen to nearly 80 per cent.

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POLICE BLITZ SCHOOL ZONES

As kids went back to hitting the books last week, Peel and York police officers were hitting the roads to keep an eye on drivers in and around school zones during the first week of school.

Both police forces handed out hundreds of traffic tickets during their blitzes. Here's a quick look at some of the numbers:

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1,200+ The number of traffic tickets York police gave out last week.

10 Number of people Peel police charged with distracted driving.

112 The number of charges Peel police laid for speeding/ aggressive driving.

The speed (in km/h) that York police clocked a car driving in a 60 km/h zone in Newmarket. The driver was charged with stunt driving and speeding, had his vehicle impounded for seven days and had his licence suspended.

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71 The number of people charged by Peel police for disobeying traffic signs.

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Airport upgrade costs may soar

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$1 billion warning made by Air Canada's consultants

A new report warns that upgrading Toronto's island airport to permit jets could be significantly costlier than believed, possibly exceeding $1 billion.

The study from consultants Oliver Wyman was commissioned by Air Canada, which has been quite vocal in its opposition to any jet expansion at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport being pushed by competitor Porter Airlines.

PortsToronto, the federal agency that operates the airport, has several studies due out this fall. They include a preliminary runway design and environment assessment review, which will eventually wind its way to city hall for a final decision on jets.

PortsToronto declined to comment on the report, but Derek Vanstone, Air Canada's vice-president of corporate strategy, government and industry affairs, and Michael Deluce, Porter Airlines' executive vice-president and chief commercial officer, weren't shy about weighing in.

Vanstone says the process to consider Porter's jet expansion has been done backwards, with former Mayor Rob Ford essentially taking a letter from Porter CEO Robert Deluce to jump-start initial studies. Deluce scoffs at the consultants' report, saying it has been specifically tailored to deliver the results that Air Canada wants.

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Preliminary studies pegged the runway extension at $92 million to add 200 metres at each end. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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POLITICS

Province's interim ombudsman named

The Liberal cabinet has bypassed Ontario's opposition parties and appointed Barbara Finlay as the province's temporary ombudsman.

The New Democrats had blocked Liberal motions in the legislature to give the job to Finlay, who was deputy ombudsman, until the three parties could agree on a permanent candidate.

The NDP wanted to give Andre Marin another extension while he applied for a third, five-year term as the government watchdog, but the Liberals refused so Marin's term expired at midnight.

Government house leader Yasir Naqvi wrote his Progressive Conservative and New Democrat counterparts saying it is "absolutely unacceptable" for the ombudsman's position to be vacant for even one day.

Naqvi says the government had to appoint the deputy as the temporary ombudsman until the parties can agree on a permanent candidate because the NDP was "playing politics."

Marin held a news conference Monday to appeal for reappointment, and criticized the Liberals for politicizing the hiring practice and treating him unfairly as he reapplied for the job.

"Unfortunately there's no ombudsman for ombudsman because I'd be knocking on that door," Marin told reporters.

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Barbara Finlay
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SCARBOROUGH

Bike fest rolling in

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A bike festival in Scarborough is the latest step toward increasing cycling culture in the city's suburbs.

The Toronto East Bike Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Warden Hilltop Community Centre, bringing people together with a goal of expanding the acceptance of cycling as a means of transportation.

"We want to build a strong culture of cycling here and show that cycling can be both safe and fun," said Malvin Macaraig, Scarborough Cycles project coordinator and one of the organizers. "We feel that when people see more cyclists on the road, the more likely they, too, will start riding, or ride more often."

The idea for a bike fest was born a couple of years ago as a way to promote bike lanes. Groups such as TO35Cycles and Ward 36 Cyclists continue to champion biking causes in Scarborough, especially in support of keeping bike lanes on Pharmacy Avenue and Birchmount Street.

This year, the festival benefited from a $13,000 grant offered by Game On Toronto, a Pan Am Games host city program designed to promote participation in sports to build a healthier and more active community. The grant allowed for the biggest bike festival yet, with activities including a bicycle rodeo and free bike tune-ups and.

A lot of focus is being put on encouraging children and young people to embrace cycling because "a young cyclist is a future adult cyclist," said Macaraig.

"Things are definitely getting better. And this is just a continuation of celebrating cycling in Scarborough," he said.

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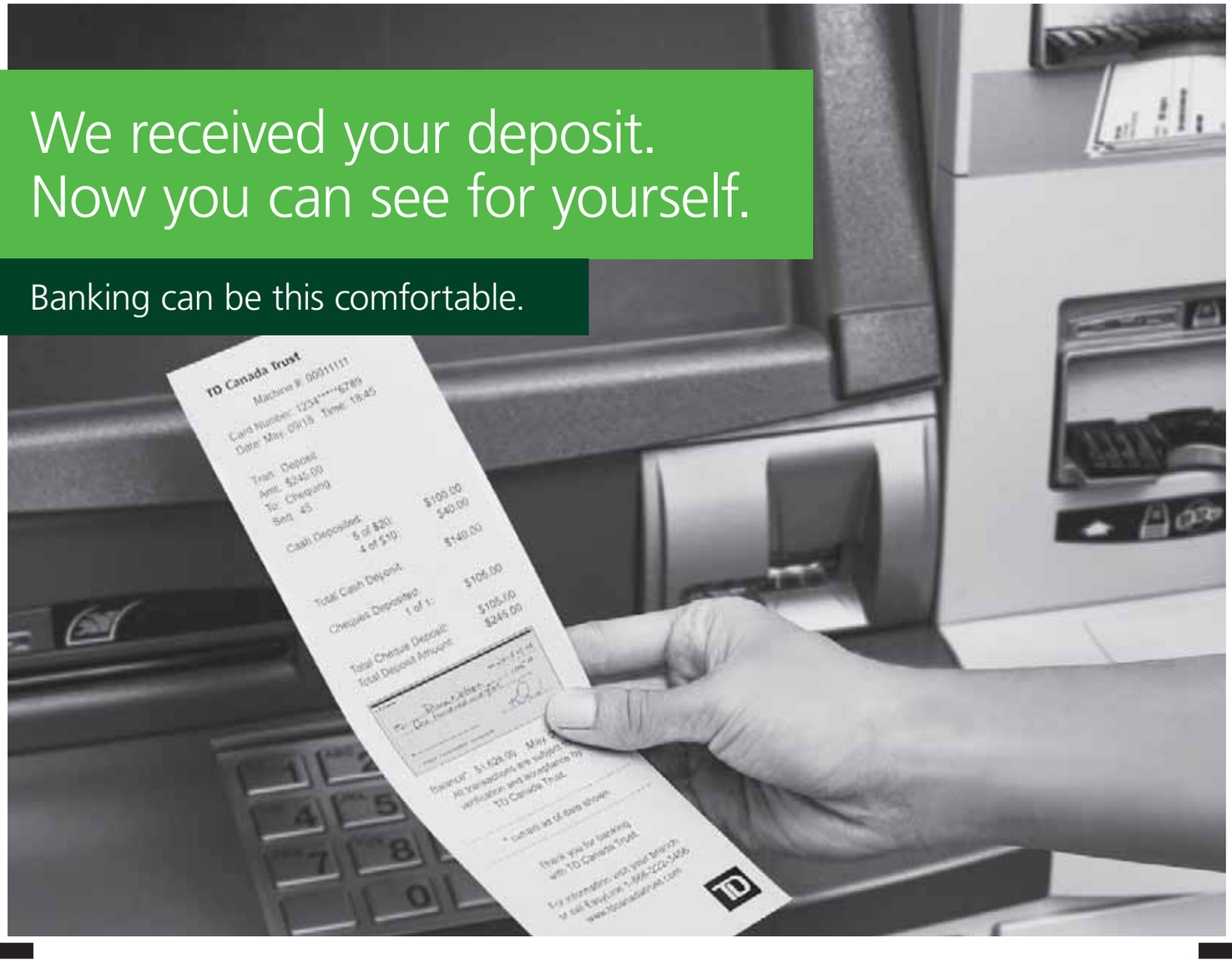

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ELECTION 2015

May a-twitter over debate exclusion

Elizabeth May is not letting the lack of an invitation keep her out of Thursday's election debate on the economy.

The Green party leader plans to muscle her way into the conversation — at least online — with the help of Twitter.

The party is teaming up with the social-media company to swiftly film and tweet May's video responses to statements by the three invited leaders.

The Globe and Mail newspaper has asked Conservative Leader Stephen Harper, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau to discuss economic issues Thursday evening at Calgary's Stampede Park.

May and her team will be hunkered down in a Victoria church with Twitter's Steve Ladurantaye, creating a steady stream of video remarks, retorts and reality checks.

The exclusion led Twitter's Ladurantaye — a former Globe and Mail reporter, as it happens — to suggest a parallel digital debate.

"You don't need to wait to be invited to something anymore," Ladurantaye said.

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WHERE THE LEADERS ARE WEDNESDAY

- **Stephen Harper** has no public events.
- **Justin Trudeau's** itinerary was unavailable.
- **Tom Mulcair** has no public events.
- **Elizabeth May** will be in Guelph, Ont.

Harper riding high on surprise surplus

ELECTION 2015

But campaign stumbles over another Tory behaving badly

Stephen Harper was hanging 10 on the crest of a surprise budget surplus Tuesday, showing off his fiscal bona fides as the federal election campaign prepared to convene in Calgary to debate the state of the Canadian economy.

But it wasn't all smooth surfing for the Conservatives: yet another would-be Tory MP took a tumble over inappropriate comments on social media.

Newfoundland and Labrador candidate Blair Dale was dropped over Facebook comments that were "incompatible with our party," said a spokesman.

Dale is the sixth Conservative to be shown the door since the campaign began Aug. 2.

Stephen Harper speaks to supporters during a campaign stop in North Vancouver, Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper had a little spring in his step in Vancouver as he boasted about Finance Department numbers that show a $1.9-billion surplus in 2014-15 where once there was a predicted $2-billion shortfall.

Back on one of his favourite talking points, the prime minister mocked the fiscal-management chops of both Rachel Notley, Alberta's new NDP premier, and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau.

Trudeau has criticized the surplus as the product of failing to spend adequately on vulnerable Canadians — an accusation the Conservatives deny.

The surplus was achieved in part by departments underspending their budgets by $8.7 billion — a tactic known as lapsed funding and one deplored by critics as spending cuts by stealth. The Conservatives had budgeted for $7.2 billion in lapsed funding but wound up with $1.5 billion more than anticipated.

Trudeau was in a contested southwestern Ontario riding Tuesday to promise $750 million for skilled-trades funding.

"You've seen your personal debt rising as your job prospects sink. You want to seek out better opportunities but you can't access the training you need," Trudeau told supporters and apprentices at a local plumbers' and pipefitters' union.

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INFLUENCE PEDDLING

Ruling delayed in trial of prime minister's ex-aide

A judge has reserved her decision in the case of Bruce Carson, a former top aide to the prime minister who is charged with influence peddling.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Bonnie Warkentin told the court she will announce Oct. 2 when she plans to release her ruling.

Crown prosecutor Jason Nicol said he expected the decision to be brought down anywhere from a few days after that procedural hearing to the beginning of November.

As his two-day hearing wrapped up Tuesday, Carson's lawyer said his client worked in 2010 and 2011 to help an Ottawa company sell water-treatment systems for First Nations communities.

> **"It was entirely up to the aboriginal bands."**
> Patrick McCann

"There's no question about that," Patrick McCann said.

But nothing in the Criminal Code prevented Carson from doing that, said McCann. He stressed that his client was lobbying First Nations communities, not the federal government, to purchase water-purification equipment from a firm known as H2O Pros and H2O Global, where his girlfriend at the time, a former escort, was employed.

McCann pointed to a protocol for procurement of goods by First Nations, developed in 2009, which he said made clear that aboriginal communities exercise control over what they buy and how they buy.

"It was entirely up to the aboriginal bands" to determine whether to buy water-purification systems and from whom to buy, he said.

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IN BRIEF

Court dismisses Tories' appeal regarding niqabs

The courts handed the Harper government another policy rebuke Tuesday when the Federal Court of Appeal quashed its attempts to ban face coverings at citizenship ceremonies. But the Conservative campaign vowed to fight back, saying uncovered faces at such ceremonies were "consistent with Canadian values of openness, social cohesion and equality."

The Federal Court of Appeal dismissed the government's appeal of an earlier ruling that said banning face coverings at such ceremonies was unlawful.

On Tuesday, the three justices ruled from the bench, saying they wanted to proceed quickly so that Zunera Ishaq, the woman who initially challenged the ban, can obtain citizenship in time to vote in the Oct. 19 federal election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Hungary declares state of emergency

EUROPEAN CRISIS

Migrants detained as border with Serbia sealed

Declaring a state of emergency, Hungary sealed off its southern border with Serbia on Tuesday and detained those trying to enter illegally, aiming to shut down the flow of migrants pouring in. Chaos ensued at the border, as hundreds of migrants piled up in a no man's land, and Serbian officials reacted with outrage.

Stuck for an unknown amount of time on a strip of road between the two countries' checkpoints, those fleeing violence in their homelands pitched tents and settled in. But frustrations were on the rise. As a police helicopter hovered above, migrants chanted "Open the border!" and shouted insults at Hungarian riot police. Some refused food and water in protest.

With a razor-wire fence completed along the Serbian border, Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto said Hungary now also plans to extend the fence for "a reasonable distance" along its border with Romania. Both Serbian and Romanian governments decried Hungary's moves.

"Raising a fence between two EU member states who are strategic partners is not a fair gesture from a political point of view, according to the European spirit," Romania's Foreign Ministry said.

Serbia's foreign minister declared it was "unacceptable" that migrants were being sent back from Hungary while more and more were arriving from Macedonia and Greece.

"(Serbia) wants to be part of the solution, not collateral damage. There will have to be talks in the coming days with Brussels and other countries," Ivica Dacic said in Prague.

The turmoil at the Hungarian-Serbian border came a day after the 28-nation bloc failed to come up with a united immigration policy at a contentious meeting in Brussels. The ministers did agree to share responsibility for 40,000 people seeking refuge in overwhelmed Italy and Greece and spoke hopefully of reaching an eventual deal — next month or by the end of the year — on which EU nations would take 120,000 more refugees, including some from Hungary.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Austria called Tuesday for a special European Union summit next week to discuss the continent's immigration crisis.

Hungary, however, was not pinning its hopes on any action soon from Brussels or its neighbours. Tuesday's state of emergency in two southern regions gave authorities greater powers to deal with the crisis, allowing them to shut down roads and speed up asylum court cases.

In the last few months, Hungary has become a major bottleneck and entry point into the European Union for migrants, many of them war refugees from Syria and elsewhere in the Middle East. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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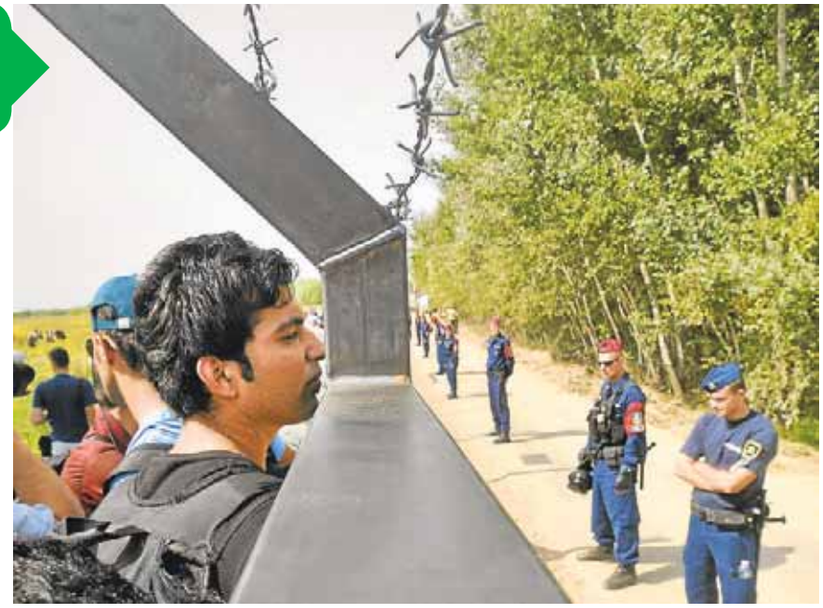

People look through a border fence between Serbia and Hungary, Tuesday. Serbian and Romanian governments have decried Hungary's actions. ZOLTAN MATHE/MTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EXODUS

Concerns raised over whether militants among border-crossers

When the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant lost control of a key crossroads town in northern Syria in June, some militants shed their jihadi garb and blended in with the flood of Syrians fleeing across the Turkish border.

Since then, the exodus of Syrians and Iraqis toward Europe has surged — and Europeans opposed to taking in more refugees say that more than ever, they fear "disguised terrorists" in their midst.

Governments along the route have different assessments of the threat. Two senior Iraqi officials and a Syrian activist say a small group of hardened ISIL extremists is believed to have left the war zones of Iraq and Syria to blend in with the masses of asylum seekers in recent weeks.

Intelligence officials in France and Germany expressed skepticism, saying they have no specific evidence. The Soufan Group, a security consulting firm, said Monday that some infiltration was probable but the extent of the danger was unknowable, making it "susceptible to exaggeration and exploitation."

The disarray of Europe's asylum procedures in the face of thousands of applications has heightened worries, although security experts say Europe is at far greater risk from homegrown ISIL sympathizers with valid European travel documents and the means to plan an attack.

Leaders of countries opposed to taking in the refugees routinely cite the fear as one of their primary reasons. The concerns are fanned by lines of exhausted refugees, bedraggled families walking northward along railroad tracks, and trains carrying refugees between countries with minimal or no identity checks, straining a system already near the breaking point.

U.S. intelligence officials are worried that Europe's disorganized response will allow terrorists to circumvent checks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CRITICISM

Marc Trevidic, until recently a top French terrorism judge, criticized a group of French mayors who said they would give priority to Christian refugees because of fears of "disguised terrorists."

"Because there is a risk that a few people among the migrants may be from (ISIL), we should do nothing? That's the talk of those who do not want to accept migrants, but it's a little too simplistic," he said last week. "They have absolutely no need of that to send people. There are enough French, Belgians who have passports or identity cards that can return to carry out attacks." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Hewlett-Packard's spinoff to cut up to 30,000 jobs

Hewlett-Packard says its upcoming spinoff of its technology divisions focused on software, consulting and data analysis will eliminate up to 30,000 jobs. The cuts announced Tuesday will be within the newly formed Hewlett Packard Enterprise, which is splitting from the personal computer and printing operation. HP Enterprises is trimming its payroll as part of an effort to reduce its expenses by $2 billion US annually.

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Torrid taps plus-size gap

CLOTHING

U.S. retailer eyeing Alberta and B.C. after Toronto foray

Lisa Harper is CEO of the American women's wear chain, which opened its first location outside the United States in Ontario earlier this month. COURTESY TORRID/THE CANADIAN PRESS

While some shoppers may struggle to locate garments in a specific style or colour, Ashlie Callender faces an even greater obstacle: finding clothes that will fit her curvy frame.

"Regular stores, they go up to extra-large sometimes, and that's really like a (size) 10 maybe. So if it's a stretchy material, I can get away with it," said the 24-year-old college student.

Callender joined dozens of shoppers who jammed Torrid's new location in Toronto Eaton Centre for the grand opening of its first store outside of the U.S.

Three more Torrid stores are set to open in the Toronto area this fall, joining homegrown plus-size retailers Addition Elle and Penningtons, both under the banner of Montreal-based Reitmans Canada Ltd.

The plus-size brand is already familiar to Canadians, who account for more than half of Torrid's international business online, said CEO Lisa Harper.

The retailer has more than 280 stores across the U.S. and ships to more than 150 countries. Torrid is a full-service apparel and accessories shop offering separates, denim, handbags and footwear.

> **You do have to pay a premium for clothes that are plus-sized.**
> Sandy Silva

Harper said the company expects to open about 10 stores in Canada in 2016, and has been eyeing British Columbia, Calgary and Edmonton as potential expansion sites.

Torrid is seeking to help fill a sizable void in Canadian retail for full-figured consumers.

A 2013 report from the NPD Group found that plus sizes represent 32 per cent of the "special size" clothing category, which also includes tall, petite and junior.

Two-thirds of plus-size women reported shopping for larger clothes was more stressful than shopping for traditional sizes, with limited merchandise cited among the main causes.

"Coming from the wholesale side of the fashion business, you do have to pay a premium for clothes that are either plus-sized or petite," said Sandy Silva, director of fashion and beauty at the NPD Group.

Most national retailers which offer extended sizing have a "fairly basic assortment," she noted.

"They don't really have the wealth or array of fun, fashionable, sexy styles that plus-size women want as well as a regular-size woman."

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HOUSING

Home sales edge up slightly

The boom in Canada's housing market continued in August with sales of existing homes edging up 0.3 per cent month over month and holding at levels not far off the five-year high reached in May, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association.

In its latest survey released Tuesday, CREA says sales of existing homes were little changed from July in all local markets, with an even split between those posting increases and those showing declines.

> **Listings are either in short supply or heading in that direction.**
> Gregory Klump

On a full-year basis, actual sales were up four per cent compared with August 2014 and were 6.6 per cent above the 10-year average for the month.

Prices continued to rise in Ontario and B.C. "where listings are either in short supply or heading in that direction," said CREA chief economist Gregory Klump, who noted that the month also provided "early evidence that modest price growth is re-emerging in some markets in Quebec and New Brunswick."

Klump added that enduring low interest rates continued to boost home sales and were "likely to keep doing so for some time."

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metro's election explainer

Who's the new man steering the Tory ship?

Strategist, political consultant, campaign adviser... whatever you call it, the Conservative party has a new one: Lynton Crosby. He's a household name in political households. But what will he bring? And why did the party hire him so late in the game?

The wizard from Australia

In his home country, Crosby led the centre-right Liberal Party to victory in 1998 and 2001. His messaging targeted voters wary about the number of asylum seekers arriving on the country's shores. He's known as a master of "dog-whistle" politics: Using code words to win support from people with disreputable, but commonplace, views, such as anti-immigration sentiments tinged with racism. Later Crosby added wins for Conservative U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron and London, U.K. Mayor Boris Johnson to his CV.

The work ahead

Paid consultants are a relative rarity in Canadian politics, says University of Waterloo political science professor Anna Esselment. Party insiders tend to fill that role, she says, but outside expertise might be called if a campaign seems to be flagging. "I expect (Crosby) is giving a high-level assessment regarding Conservative messages, their target audiences, and how to effectively change the channel to matters that the Conservatives want to talk about," Esselment says.

Fresh blood

Why find a new captain when a campaign's already out to sea? Conservative sources told The Canadian Press that some in the party were frustrated with its slapdash response to the Syrian refugee crisis. Esselment gave three possible reasons for the hire: It could be a warning to opposition that Tories are about to get aggressive, a move to gain credibility from a "legend," or a response to internal strife. (Some former top brass, such as Nigel Wright, have been tarnished by the trial of Senator Mike Duffy).

Turning the tide

Whether changing course mid-campaign will work remains to be seen, Esselment says. "The type of messages Harper delivers, and the negative advertising ... over the next couple of weeks will likely tell us whether Crosby's hand is helping to steer the ship."

The election explainer is dedicated to keeping urban Canadians informed ahead of the Oct. 19 vote. Look for it in this space throughout the campaign. Let us know what needs explaining: readers@metronews.ca

URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

I'm in Toronto for the film festival. I'm hoping to meet some celebrities. Any advice for striking up a conversation?

Dear Ellen,

I'm from Calgary but I'm in Toronto for the Toronto International Film Festival, and I'm hoping to meet some celebrities while I'm here. Do you have any advice about how to meet celebrities, and how to politely strike up a conversation if I do meet a celebrity?

JJ

I well understand the urge to meet celebrities — I used to have it myself. Fifteen years ago, I would have sold my soul for just one hour of being stuck in an elevator with Owen Wilson, figuring that was all I'd need to start up a polite, witty, enchanting conversation that would soon make him realize I was the perfect woman for him — a *real* woman, wholesome and nice, and Canadian, but also creative and interesting, and a refreshing change from the boring, glamorous Hollywood starlets he was probably tired of meeting.

I also had platonic crushes on directors like David O. Russell and Jane Campion, and writers like Dave Eggers or Colm Toibin, where the fantasy was less about romance and more about how we'd mind-meld over scripts and collaborative projects that would lead to international prizes for all of us in between amazing, legendary parties.

But eventually my celebrity obsession was cured, thanks to intensive rehab that took a decade and consisted of interviewing celebrities of all ages and persuasions for various newspapers and magazines. Even though I met some truly nice (Stephen Colbert) and exquisitely polite (Conan O'Brien) celebs along the way, I *don't* want to meet any more: It's too disappointing. They never measure up to the brilliant characters one falls in love with onscreen. Nobody could. Those characters are a construct — of both their skillful making, and of one's own cockeyed projections.

In fact, I now go out of my way to avoid meeting even the celebrities I love, like Rachel McAdams and Mark Ruffalo.

In my fantasies, adorable Rach and I are best friends, while sexy, rumpled, intelligent, kind, manly Mark is my next husband. But in real life, recently, both of them were shooting a scene for the movie Spotlight in my building. And when the location manager invited me to meet them, I declined and stayed away until they cleared out. Partly because I didn't want to be disappointed by their all-too-real selves; partly because I knew the last thing they would want to do during a long day was make polite chitchat with a stranger harbouring delusional thoughts about them.

All of which leads me to say: Go for it if you must. Haunt the red carpets and clubs and restaurants, watch Twitter for celebrity sightings, and feel free to approach any star you can get close to.

Yes, it's a bit forward to foist yourself on someone without being introduced. But remember that part of every celebrity's job at TIFF is to deal with you, the public. And I have no doubt that you, JJ, as a faithful reader of this column, will be polite and respectful in all your encounters.

If and when you meet a star, you may or may not be disappointed. Who knows — you may get stuck in an elevator with him/her/them and end up getting married ... or whatever. In which case, please write back and let us know!

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metroview

Millennials aren't turned off by politics. It's the voting system.

Dan Darrah
For Metro

Youth aren't politically apathetic, says a new study, they're just not voting. For many young Canadian activists, this finding is a breath of fresh air.

A Samara Research report, released last week, looked at 18 political activities other than voting — e.g., volunteering for candidates or causes, giving political speeches, protesting, and discussing politics on social media — and found that Canadians younger than 30 participate in them at higher rates than those older than 30.

This isn't the usual narrative surrounding millennials. It's a welcome acknowledgement of the work of student groups and other youth movements.

Using the voting rate as a measure of youth engagement is like using season-ticket sales as a measure of interest in the NFL. There's a lot more to take into account.

Even among millennials who do vote, voting is often seen as one part of the overall activism package. Our votes serve to elect the government that will most optimally act as an avenue through which we can create change.

Still, the fact remains that we aren't voting as much as other age groups. One reason I've come up with is that we've simply lost faith in our first-past-the-post electoral system.

Let's imagine a prospective voter — call him Ben — who works at Whole Foods and cares deeply about the environment. Ben wants to vote for the Green party because he wants the Green candidate in his urban riding to be elected. But, because he's informed and engaged, he knows the Green candidate won't be elected. And the alternative — to vote "strategically" against his worst-case scenario — isn't likely to get him excited.

We might say to Ben what many say to millennials who have no reason to believe that their preferred candidates will be elected: "That's life, kid." But I'd argue we'd be better served by looking closely at how voting works.

Fair Vote, an organization advocating electoral reform, recorded that of the more than 14 million votes cast in the 2011 election, seven million served to elect no one (like Ben's hypothetical vote for the Greens). That means about 50 per cent of Canadian voters elected 100 per cent of the MPs.

In contrast, Fair Vote found that in New Zealand, which uses a proportional-representation system, 97 per cent of voters elected MPs.

In this context, Samara's research speaks for itself: It's not politics that turns us off — it's our winner-take-all electoral process. And saying youth are apathetic tiptoes around the fact that systemic change is needed. We don't need to be the scapegoats for institutional issues older generations have ignored. We need proof that our votes will be meaningfully represented. When that happens, the youth vote will be a lethal electoral force.

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"Margaret Atwood poured a bottle of beer over Al Purdy's head the very first time they met because he called her an academic. I mean, never a truer word was said. And then he went out and peed on her car tire."
– Brian D. Johnson, journalist and filmmaker, Al Purdy Was Here

Liam Hemsworth arrives on the red carpet at the TIFF gala for the new film The Dressmaker on Monday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liam loses his shirt, shrugs

TIFF 2015

Aussie actor bares up well as the object of fantasies

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | TIFF

Don't worry, Liam Hemsworth doesn't mind a little objectification. Being the romantic lead in a film comes with certain obligations, but Hemsworth is up to the task of being a little objectified. A pivotal scene in The Dressmaker — which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival this week — involves the Australian Hunger Games star removing his shirt to the ogling delight of co-stars Kate Winslet and Judy Davis. Nice work if you can get it.

They're really pushing your shirt-removing scene in the trailer for this.
Yeah, I just feel like that scene was … . Look, I don't want to just take off my shirt for anything, but it felt like that was a good comedic moment to have. It was done in a quirky, funny way, not where I was taking it off to be sexy or that sort of clichéd way. It was a funny moment, and I think a moment that scene needed. A good, lighthearted point of the movie.

Are you OK with this kind of objectification? It's a nice break for the actresses out there.
I'll take it over for them. I'll take some of that objectification (laughs).

Back at the Comic-Con press conference for Hunger Games, did you see Jennifer Lawrence making a jerking off motion during one of your heartfelt responses?
No, but that happens a lot in interviews. She's one of my best friends, and any chance she gets she'll give you s— behind your back or to your face. She does that a lot.

We were doing press in L.A. the other day and it was the same thing. Josh had literally been talking for a minute or so — very serious and heartfelt — and at the end of it Josh sort of looked to Jen, and Jen wasn't listening at all. She's like, 'Oh, I'm sorry, I was thinking about my dog singing the Dixie Chicks song. Literally, my dog singing the Dixie Chicks song.' I was like, 'What goes through your mind minute to minute?'

She has no filter.
Literally no filter. I feel like it's getting worse by the day.

Someone suggested it's all an act, which would make it the most authentic performance ever.
Yeah, if it is then give her another Oscar. Give her another 10 Oscars.

Have you finished filming Independence Day 2?
Yeah, we finished shooting two weeks ago. It was superfun, I had a great time on it. I got to work with Roland Emmerich, who I was a big fan of since the first one. He's a pioneer of that genre and I think started that huge, epic, world-ending sort of film, just blowing everything up. Literally everything. Yeah, it was a lot of fun getting to work with him, and I got to work with Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman. And to be able to continue that story from such an iconic film 20 years later is great.

It's kind of terrifying to think that it's been 20 years.
Yes, it's terrifying. I was literally six years old when that came out.

What if we pit you and the other Hemsworth brothers against the Skarsgård brothers and see which tall, blonde actor family would win?
In a fight? Um … let's set it up! See what happens? Let's see if we can get us all in some sort of wrestling ring or something. Let's do it!

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FROM PREP TO PREMIERE THE ROAD TO THE RED CARPET

Rising star Gia Sandhu graced the TIFF red carpet for the first time Sunday, joining the cast of Beeba Boys for their gala premiere in her hometown. "It's been an amazing journey because of the people and because of the story," said Sandhu, who plays the boisterous Choti in the film. Metro followed the actress in the final moments before she stepped into the world's spotlight.

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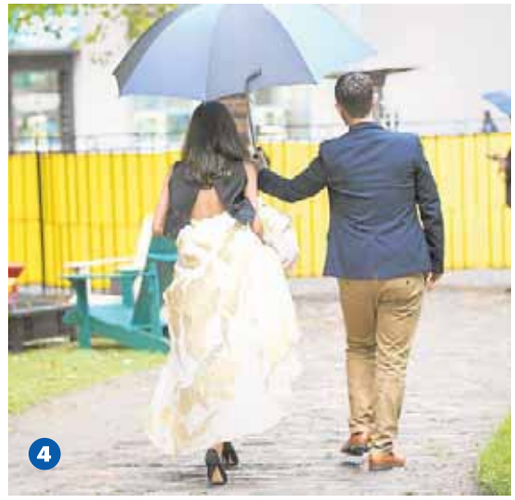

ONE TO WATCH

Step by step with Sandhu

1 Finishing touch
"I've loved doing my own makeup from a really young age so I did it all myself for the premiere. I recently learned to apply fake eyelashes so that helped."

2 Blame it on the rain
"I had this light-coloured skirt by Stephan Caras and I was a little nervous about trailing through the mud. But I had support from everyone who had to be around me at all times. I've never worn anything like that."

3 Eat before we greet
"Butterflies took up about 75 per cent of my stomach, so the remaining 25 per cent I dedicated to food. They had an Indian buffet and it was really delicious. My co-star Sarah and I were a little bit worried about our breath, so we broke out the mints right after."

4 Come away with me
"All of it was a big huge crazy sweep. There wasn't any moment in particular where I specifically got nervous — it was all a jumble."

5 Chaos of the carpet
"So I stepped out of the car and there were people screaming and I was really confused — I looked over and realized they were screaming at me. It was fun and confusing. People were taking tons of photos.
It was great."

TIFF | Party insider

Shall we glance, Liam?

Jessica Allen
For Metro Canada

I may have cracked the Susan Sarandon code: How exactly does she always looks better than everyone else in the room? Instead of stuffing her face with grilled shrimps dunked in chipotle mayo (to die for!) and downing Grey Goose Le Fizz cocktails (divine!) like I did early Monday evening at Soho House, the actress sipped on a sensible glass of green juice.

Sarandon was there to toast the world premiere of The Meddler, "a heartfelt dramedy," says Variety, about a recently widowed, unabatedly doting mother (Sarandon) who follows her daughter (Rose Byrne) to Los Angeles "while fending off the advances of two prospective suitors," one of whom is played by Academy Award-winning actor J.K. Simmons. He was also at the party — just long enough for me to stare at him.

But then it was off to Byblos, approximately 247 steps away, for The Dressmaker post-gala event where a PR woman at the door offered me a word of advice: "All the tables are reserved."

"No s—t, Sherlock," I thought, "this ain't my first TIFF rodeo."

Kate Winslet plays the title character who returns to her tiny Australian town in spectacular couture, which turns heads — especially the one atop co-star Liam Hemsworth. She's being described as "Clint Eastwood meets Rita Hayworth" in the role. But Monday night, Winslet was all Hayworth in a steel blue satin, floor-length form-fitting gown.

After asking for a glass of water, the Academy Award winning actress fell back onto a plush couch with a sigh. Meanwhile, I may have hatched a plan to walk down the stairs just as Hemsworth walked up them. And I may have said, "Oh, hey there," as we passed each other and he may have responded, "Hiya" right back, as his eyes locked with mine as if to say, "Don't leave!"

But I did because it was back to Soho House for a blow-out post TIFF gala for Spotlight, a film based on the true story of the team of Pulitzer Prize-winning Boston Globe journalists who uncovered the child abuse scandal within their local Catholic Church. Mark Ruffalo took shelter from the crowd near the fireplace while Michael Keaton braved the space outside that fish bowl where the talent is normally corralled. Liev Schreiber was everywhere — the patio, downstairs, upstairs — and there goes John Slattery (Roger Sterling!) with Paul Haggis, who certainly knows a thing or two about religious scandal, right behind him.

It was enough star power to give me whiplash. But close to midnight, I settled back to take in the McAdams family. The whole gang — mom, dad, brother and sister Kayleen, an L.A.-based makeup artist to the stars, including her sibling's last night — were there to support Rachel, who took a moment to chat with fellow Canadian (and former Slings and Arrows colleague) Don McKellar.

If you squinted just so, to blur out the hundreds of hangers-on, it was almost like a Norman Rockwell painting.

Mark Ruffalo at the TIFF gala for Spotlight. GETTY IMAGES FOR GREY GOOSE VODKA

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

Roach finds history repeats itself

TRUMBO

Director sees strains of McCarthyism still alive today

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | TIFF

Helen Mirren and Bryan Cranston star in Trumbo, which premiered at TIFF. HANDOUT

Director Jay Roach goes inside a dark patch of Hollywood history with Trumbo, chronicling the persecution of Dalton Trumbo (Bryan Cranston) and the rest of the Hollywood 10 that kicked off the blacklist amid anti-Communist hysteria stoked by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

But that was way back then, right? We've come a long way from that kind of fear-mongering and reactionary politics.

Not quite. In making the film, Roach has been forced to examine how much hasn't actually changed, despite the end of the Cold War.

"Isn't it kind of like things that go on now?" Roach ponders. "Certainly there are valid, real concerns. Real threats exist. No question that totalitarian communism was a true threat back then, and terrorism now is a true threat. But once there is a threat, there's almost no chance it won't be exploited to raise a kind of hysteria that leads to smearing people with labelling and tying them to that threat. People who aren't threatening get thrown in and rounded up and kind of suppressed using the threat as the excuse. That's a pattern, that happens all the time."

> **Once there is a threat, there's almost no chance it won't be exploited ... that leads to smearing people.**
> Director Jay Roach

Even when specifically discussing anti-communist sentiments, Roach finds strains of McCarthyism still alive and well more than half a century later.

"I hope (the events of the film) will stand for the tendency, for example, to label anything that's pro-worker as being communist," he says. "If you're interested in giving workers more safety on the job, health benefits and not working 80-hour or 100-hour weeks, you must be a communist.

"Obama has been smeared as a socialist just as a box in a flow chart of how do you smear somebody.

"During the civil rights movement, J. Edgar Hoover justified putting bugs in hotel rooms wherever Martin Luther King went because Hoover succeeded with branding the whole civil rights movement as a communist plot. Could you imagine that selling now?"

Actually, Roach can, and that's the root of the problem, really.

"Other ones are selling now. 'Immigrants are destroying America,' Donald Trump. Just those memes are old hat, they're old chestnuts now, and I'm always amazed and surprised by it," he says.

"Even looking back, I'm astonished in myself that I went, 'How could that have possibly happened in America, that these writers could be thrown under that bus?' And I go, oh right, there's another bus to throw people under right now."

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TIFF BRIEF

Hiddleston watched autopsies for latest role

Tom Hiddleston did some post-mortem prep for his role in High-Rise.

In the film based on J.G. Ballard's 1975 dystopian novel, the British actor plays a doctor who moves into a luxury apartment building that's inhabited by eccentric tenants who close themselves off from the outside world.

Hiddleston told a press conference at the Toronto International Film Festival that he spent a day with a forensic pathologist and witnessed autopsies as part of his research. "It was pretty intense," he said. "It's unlike anything I've ever done, to see a human body cut open."

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Penn strikes a pose at premiere

INTERVIEW

Actor plays a narcissistic photog in Wes Craven film

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | TIFF

Kal Penn came to Toronto this week to debut his Midnight Madness entry, The Girl in the Photographs, which also happens to be the final film of the late Wes Craven, who served as executive producer and mentor to the film's writer-director, Nick Simon. Penn stars as a egomaniacal celebrity photographer who returns to his hometown to shoot his most provocative project yet. We caught up with Penn just before the film's midnight premiere.

The whole celebrity photographer thing is an interesting character to take on.
Character-wise, what I really enjoyed crafting was finding out the why behind him. Everybody knows a guy like that. I didn't want to lose sight of the fact that this is a person who, while he's totally arrogant and full of himself, takes a lot of pride in his work and he's incredibly confident and he knows what he wants. ... It's that weird line between wanting to do well in your job and also knowing you've created this image around yourself such that everybody who surrounds you buys into it.

How are you going about honouring Wes?
At the beginning of the film, there's a very simple, heartfelt thing that comes up on the screen that says, For Wes. This was his last film, and I wish we had gotten to see it with him.

It was a shock to learn that he was sick. He was so quiet about everything.
Quiet, understated and a really, really nice guy. I wish he was around to make many, many more movies. I think it's amazing — if you talk to Nick Simon, our director, he mentored Nick for so long and in such an intimate way. And Nick had been a fan since he was a little kid, so just to hear those stories about how it came from a good place and he genuinely had this amazing heart is really cool.

Had you had many interactions with him yourself on this project or previously?
On this project, just one. He came to the table read and the first kind of work session that we had in L.A. We shot the movie up in Victoria, B.C., so it wasn't possible for him to come up and stay while we were shooting. But he came to the first session, which was a couple hours long, and I got to tell him this story about how I was in this movie that he did called The Wishmaster when I was in college. ... I was an extra in Wishmaster. I knew there was no way he would remember this because I was just some random guy, but they bumped me up to a featured extra because they needed somebody to spit out blood. So I told him that story. ... And he was like, "That's nuts! That's crazy!" So I'm glad we got to work together a little more legitimately with some lines.

Kal Penn was in Toronto Monday night for the premiere of The Girl in the Photographs. GETTY IMAGES

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DRAMA

Indie flick finds life's rainbows

Dylan Harman had been waiting a long time for a role like the one he snagged in The Rainbow Kid, a unique coming-of-age tale debuting at the Toronto International Film Festival.

Like the fictional teen Eugene, Harman has Down syndrome and says he knows what it's like to be badly treated.

"I relate to Eugene because he kind of gets picked on," Harman said at a pre-TIFF press conference with his director, Kire Paputts. "He gets used by people and as the story develops, he becomes a man."

The 25-year-old actor carries much of the low-budget film as it traces a difficult upbringing for the young Eugene. An ailing mother, a tenuous living arrangement and harassment at school lead him to take charge of his own life.

Inspired by his favourite children's book, Eugene sets off in search of the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.

"I hope it entertains people at first but other than that I hope people can ... come away with a different idea about actors with special needs," says Paputts, who also wrote the script.

The Toronto filmmaker started working with Harman on the 2012 short film Rainbow Connection. From there, the groundwork was laid to push Harman even further for his first lead role in a feature.

Paputts says he made a point of treating Harman like any other actor.

"When you're working with someone with special needs, there is a tendency to handle them with kid gloves a bit. I wanted to get away from that," the 32-year-old says of his approach.

"This is a film about a guy who goes off looking for the end of the rainbow. It doesn't focus on his disability, it's not about a guy with a disability, he just happens to have a disability."

Harman says he hasn't let Down syndrome dissuade him from chasing his dreams, which include writing and directing films. He started acting in a theatre group at age five, and finds confidence in performing.

His credits include a Toronto production of the Judith Thompson play Rare, the TV movie The Memory Keeper's Daughter, and a guest spot on the defunct Global drama Remedy.

"I started performing in a theatre group ... and they are the reason why I started acting," Harman says.

"They inspired me, they gave me the confidence to be an actor."

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Dylan Harman, right, stars in The Rainbow Kid, a coming-of-age tale about a teen with Down syndrome. CONTRIBUTED

When in France, nosh like the locals

TRAVEL

Follow these tips for the tastiest trip

Theresa Albert
For Metro Canada

Theresa's raspberry bombe birthday cake from L'Atelier Etoile de Joel Robuchon. THERESA ALBERT/METRO

I spent my birthday in Paris!

For 15 years I have been promising my daughter I would take her to Paris. I spent the last five years saving for it, and three years planning. The city hasn't changed much since my first visit as a teen except that maybe there is more English spoken in the streets — and I have learned more about food.

In particular, I now know where and how to eat. Here are a few tips:

Take a bicycle tour from Bike About Tours (bikeabouttours.com) at the start of your trip. They will take you off the beaten path and at the end of the tour they will email you a list created by the guides (who all live in Paris) of favourite places to eat and drink. Unfortunately they make us swear to not share this list, so you'll have to go yourself to find the best places.

Try to avoid bistros that are on the corner or that say they serve "tout à l'heure" These tend to cater to tourists. The locals still eat between noon and 2 p.m. and 7 and 10 p.m.

Upon arrival order "une carafe d'eau pour la table." Not only will it save you up to 10 bucks for bottled water, it will signal to the server you are not a total touriste.

When you get your bread, it is to be eaten with your hands and placed on the tablecloth. Typically, there is no butter served but they will bring some if you ask.

If you are looking for the prix fixe Michelin star experience without the crazy expense, consider going for lunch. The menu is often similar but the price is half that of dinner. My actual birthday lunch was at l'Atelier Etoile de Joel Robuchon on Champs Élysées.

For 44 euros, I enjoyed four courses — a soup with a smoky clear broth consommé with oyster mushrooms and a plump shrimp and a small quenelle of caviar floating.

And for the main course, sweetbreads in a demi-glace, Chanterelle mushrooms and a side of mashed potatoes. I had cheese for dessert, but then was surprised by a raspberry bombe.

TREND

Grandma's cooking now for hire in Paris

Parisians can now have a grandma or grandpa come to their home to cook them comfort food from their youth. YOUTUBE/AFP

Parisians homesick for their grandmother's inimitable ratatouille and Sunday roast chicken can now rent out a substitute stand-in through a recently launched personal chef service that will send a 'mamie' to their kitchen to whip up an old-fashioned home-cooked meal.

After moving to Paris from the south of France, founder Alizé Delbes says she found herself homesick for her grandmother's cooking.

And despite its reputation as the gastronomic capital of the world, Delbes said she was unable to find a restaurant that could evoke the memories and nostalgia of her mamie's veal blanquette and chocolate mousse. That led to Lou Papé, a site created to bring authentic, French dishes into the homes of local Parisians in search of comfort foods from their childhood.

The concept is simple: The host can choose from a selection of chefs and their proposed menu. After sorting out the details — date of dinner party, venue and number of guests — the chef will prep, cook and serve the meal in the host's home.

Cleanup is also included.

If language isn't a big issue, Paris-bound travellers in search of a truly authentic French meal may want to consider booking a 'Beatrice' or 'Jean-Jacques' if staying in a short-term vacation rental with a kitchen. AFP

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More than just bagels

Montreal's abundance of dining options makes trying them all on a short trip a daunting task. Here are a few one-stop spots where you can taste an array of culinary delights KATE HOBSON/FOR METRO

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1 First Fridays Food Truck Event

Every first Friday, May through October, up to 48 food trucks assemble at Olympic Park. Many of the trucks are offshoots of prominent restaurants, serving up specialties catered for takeout.

Stop at Lucky's Truck for La fameuse duck confit poutine, drenched in a rich confit sauce of red wine and foie gras; Grumman '78 for their banh-mi taco, barbecue pork topped with daikon carrot salad and a slightly sweet sauce.

Finish your day at Crémy Pâtisserie with a lemon honey cruller — the tartness of the lemon balances the sweet sugary glaze of this doughnut. **(4545 Avenue Pierre-de Coubertin)**

2 Mile End Food Tour

Local Montreal Tours offers a tasting trek around Mile End, a neighbourhood known for its culinary diversity. The tour starts at La Panthère Verte for a falafel filled with lightly pickled vegetables, sprouts, spices and tahini sauce in a house-made pita.

At Chocolats Geneviève Grandbois, all of the goodies are handmade with a serious commitment to the quality of the ingredients. The caramel chocolate is flavoured with a little vanilla and a sprinkle of fleur de sel.

The taste adventure includes bagels, fine tomato sauce, cured meats and artisanal ice cream.

The Mile High tour is a truly unique food adventure packed with lots of history and background information on each establishment.

3 Atwater Market

No trip to Montreal would be complete without exploring one of the city's farmers' markets. Open since 1933, Atwater Market in the Little Burgundy area is one of the oldest. Open year round, Atwater is home to a variety of vendors offering fresh local produce, meat, cheese, baked goods and specialty products.

Grab a selection of cheeses from Fromagerie Atwater, stop by Terrines & Pâtés for some game terrine like caribou blueberry or guinea fowl hazelnut.

Pick up some fresh bread and preserves and you'll be all set to enjoy a picnic along the nearby Lachine Canal. **(138 Avenue Atwater)**

"It's like world war three, right?"

Shia Laboeuf

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TIFF

Actor has thoughts about world, his co-stars

Actor Shia LaBeouf expressed a bleak outlook on the future at the Toronto International Film Festival.

At a press conference for the post-apocalyptic war thriller Man Down, LaBeouf was asked by a reporter for his thoughts on the future of our world.

"We're in a tough spot. The world is in a tough spot," he replied. "It's like world war three, right?

"You're in the middle of something really wild going on right now — more so than ever, in my life, I think."

The question was also posed to co-star Kate Mara, who simply replied: "I hope that the future of our world is not as pictured in this picture.

"Man, I don't know, I'm just an actor."

Man Down stars LaBeouf as a former marine named Gabriel who's dogged by memories of the battlefield as he searches for the whereabouts of his son.

Jai Courtney plays his best friend and fellow soldier alongside Mara as his wife and Gary Oldman as a military psychiatrist.

LaBeouf said, as an actor, Oldman "is very intimidating," and such a dynamic worked during their scenes together.

But off camera they bonded.

"He's like this father figure for me. It's more than just an actor. He's a really tender, sweet man — and that's not to naysay the hard Gary because there's a hard Gary, too," said the former Transformers star.

"But he's not hard with me. He's really sweet with me and always has been. So I look up to him, but he's not shy about throwing love around, you know. He's in my corner. It feels like that. It's not just some actor-actor relationship thing."

Dito Montiel directed the screenplay by Adam G. Simon, who said he was living on the streets when he first started writing the story.

"In fact, there's a letter that Gabriel writes to his son Jonathan in the film, was a letter that I wrote to my son in a parking garage where I slept, where I stayed the night.

"So I wrote that and a few other scripts and was just trying to hustle for about six to eight months."

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DIGITAL

Kim wants to break the Internet

Look out, Internet, because there's a new celebrity website telling you how to live your best life on the scene.

"So proud to announce KimKardashianWest.com is now live! I've worked for over a year on creating so much original content for you guys!" Kim Kardashian West wrote in an Instagram post.

Upon arriving at the site, it's not immediately clear what the purpose of it is. One is immediately greeted by a smizing Kardashian in black and white, and a simple "K" logo. A menu offers options like Beauty, Style and Obsessed, because sure.

The app store's description of the Kim Kardashian West app provides a bit more clarity: "The Kim Kardashian West Official App gives Kim's audience unprecedented and exclusive personal access to her life. Through the app, Kim shares original and curated content, interactive experiences, live streaming, access to offline events, tutorials and much more."

At a special introductory subscription rate of $2.99 a month, West's website could be a bargain for fans — if it lives up to the promise of original content and "exclusive access to her life."

But then her whole career is exclusive access to her life, so who knows.

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Wedding favours do no favours

Jerry Casale of '80s nerd-pop super-group Devo, got married Friday — you know, 9/11 — which led to unfortunate reception concept choices.

Casale explains to Billboard that he and his now-wife, Krista Napp, chose the date for logistical reasons, but when a friend questioned the choice, he joked that he and Napp represent "the Twin Towers of love." Which he admits was a pretty bad joke. But the friend took the idea and ran with it, setting up a reception featuring a Twin Towers-shaped cake and box cutters as party favours.

"He thought it was some sort of transgressive sick humour, and the problem is, it's not funny," says Casale, who came back from his weekend honeymoon to discover someone had sold photos of the event to TMZ. Yikes. NED EHRBAR/METRO

RUMOURS

Olsen denies dating Hiddleston

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All right, everybody, move along. Nothing to see here with this whole Elizabeth Olsen dating Tom Hiddleston thing.

They've been weathering speculation about just how close they are all summer, and the film in which they play husband and wife — I Saw the Light — just debuted at the Toronto International Film Festival, so they've been posing for a lot of photos.

But no less reliable a source than Olsen herself says that there is no hanky-panky going down.

"I mean, we definitely are friends and we've known each other for about four years. We happened to be at a restaurant at a wrong time having dinner. We all go out to dinner," she tells Refinery29.

"Well, apparently I'm dating Chris Evans and apparently I've dated Jeremy Renner ... I don't react to it."

And when asked very directly if she's dating Hiddleston?

"No," she offers flatly.

"I mean, people can think what they want to think." So that settles that, right?

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Fiat's throwback is a thrill

REVIEW

500 Abarth offers 6-speed automatic for the first time

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

Retro-styled cars are fun, and it's even better when they have the performance to match. That's the case when you opt for the Abarth version of Fiat's 500, especially when it's the 500C Cabrio that I tested, which gives you a sliding canvas roof for an almost-a-convertible experience.

While the Abarth previously only came with a five-speed manual transmission, the 2015 version is also available for the first time with a six-speed automatic. Die-hard stick-shift fans may resent its inclusion, but it's a really nice unit that doesn't take anything away from the car's fun factor. Power changes slightly depending on the transmission: you get a bit more horsepower with the manual unit, but more torque — the twisting force that gets you moving off the line — with the automatic. Hit the throttle, and the 500 Abarth is quick and peppy in its response.

> **Hit the throttle, and the 500 Abarth is quick and peppy in its response.**

The steering is sports-car heavy, but the car responds quickly and accurately. My car had optional gloss-white wheels with Pirelli P-Zero summer tires, and they stick like glue when cornering. Despite its diminutive size, the car feels firmly planted on the highway, although a tighter turning circle would make it a bit easier to manoeuvre in close quarters.

The retro styling continues inside with a metal-look painted dash and chrome accents. It's very roomy up front, but while there is a rear seat, there's almost no legroom back there, and it's best for small children or adults willing to fold themselves up for a short ride.

The sliding roof moves electrically to three positions, starting with a sunroof-sized opening and finally folded down at the very back. A portion of the steel roof remains in place, since the canvas is a panel that slides inside it, and the car feels tight and rigid, with no squeaks. It also didn't leak when I took it through a car wash.

The 500C Abarth is pricey for its size, but compared to the base Fiat, you're paying for a sportier suspension, bigger brakes, and sharp handling. It looks like it's fun, and it is.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 FIAT 500C ABARTH

THE BASICS

Type. Two-door, four-passenger subcompact convertible
Engine (hp/torque). 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder (160/170 with manual; 160/183 with automatic)
Transmissions. 5-speed manual/6-speed automatic
Price. $29,495 (base); $33,550 (as-tested), plus destination

COOL FEATURES

- Alpine premium audio
- High-back sport seats with optional leather
- Aluminum pedals
- Flat-bottom steering wheel with perforated leather and contrasting stitching
- Rear parking assist
- Available side stripe and contrasting mirror caps
- Dual exhaust with chrome tips

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POINTS

- The Abarth uses the same engine as the 500 Turbo, but is tuned for more power, along with its Abarth-specific suspension and brakes.
- Hitting the "Sport" button adjusts the automatic's shift points and adds rev-matching, and also changes the digital speedometer's number to italics.
- The sport exhaust adds a unique sound that's fabulous on acceleration, but it can drone at consistent speeds.
- Premium fuel gives better performance, but the engine will run on regular.

MARKET POSITION

While enthusiasts prefer stick shifts, most buyers choose automatics. By offering both, Fiat could potentially open up this relatively low-volume model to a larger audience, especially since overall performance doesn't suffer.

THE COMPETITION

Mini Cooper S
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In the loop (the loop) at Frankfurt

AUTOPILOT

Bentley gets sporty, Jaguar defies gravity at auto show

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada

Off-roading Bentley

Bentley just introduced its first SUV this week at the Frankfurt auto show, and not a moment too soon.

Like a lot of people, I have been lamenting for years on why someone didn't offer a vehicle costing more than $200,000 that could get up a dirt hill. Why were we stuck with just affordable options, like 4x4 pickups, Jeeps and other mainstream SUVs, for our dirt-hilling activities?

It just wasn't fair. Why did it always have to be so affordable to have a little bit of off-road fun? What if you needed to make a Kardashian impression on the way up that dirt hill, or at the top? The auto industry put a group of very privileged people in a very tough spot with their behaviour over the years. Think of how challenged were those buyers, trying to option their Range Rovers or Mercedes-Benz G Wagons into a price level more akin to their perceived net worth.

So thank you Bentley, for recognizing the injustice here, and coming to the rescue of this long-suffering group of buyers, by unveiling this ultra high-end sport utility, which for some reason you're calling Bentayga (rolls off the tongue, like bad caviar).

For those interested, some pertinent info ... 600-hp, 12-cylinder engine. All-wheel drive. Very sumptuous five-seat cabin. Volkswagen owns Bentley; the Bentayga is built off of the group's MLV Evo platform currently utilized for Audi Q7 and Porsche Cayenne. Bentayga's main rival should be the forthcoming SUV from Rolls-Royce.

Loopy Jaguar

Jaguar also introduced its first SUV at Frankfurt, and did so in super dramatic fashion. British stunt driver Terry Grant drove a Jaguar F-Pace in a 19.08-metre loop, similar to a Hot Wheels loop, only much bigger. The stunt set a Guinness World Record for largest ever "loop the loop."

Jaguar F-Pace will be considerably more affordable than the Bentley Bentayga. No Canadian prices yet, but $43,385 US will be its base price south of the border. F-Pace is rendered from the same all-aluminum architecture as the new Jaguar XE midsize sedan, which should get here before the F-Pace.

Magic carpet Honda

Any auto show these days is sure to be filled with more self-driving technologies and Frankfurt will not be an exception, so you know Honda was saying something by creating the Project 2&4 concept and showing it off in Germany at this juncture in the automotive history timeline.

Project 2&4 is a weird and wonderful antidote to the self-driving movement.

It's actually half car/half motorcycle, designed to combine the most engaging driving elements of both forms. It has no "cabin" at all, just a driver's cockpit suspended over the road, to grab as much driving intensity as possible. The mid-ship mounted 215-hp V4 motorcycle engine assures a low, low centre of gravity and an outrageous power-to-weight ratio.

Project 2&4 is actually the winning entry of Honda's annual in-house Global Design Project contest, which is designed to inspire creativity, and get team members engaged and passionate about a single project, to further the concept of Team Honda. Well done, Team Honda.

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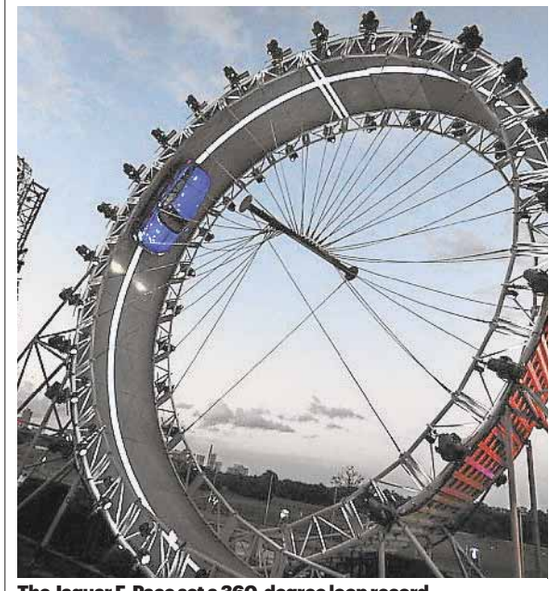

The Jaguar F-Pace set a 360-degree loop record. JAGUAR VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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5 MAJOR THEMES AT THE FRANKFURT AUTO SHOW

New small cars for the mass market from Opel and Renault and powerful, expensive SUVs from Jaguar and Bentley for the upper crust are among the top offerings on display this week at the Frankfurt International Motor Show. A rise in demand for cars in the U.S. and Europe is lifting automakers' spirits as they prepare to open the show to the general public on Saturday. The 66th edition runs through Sept. 27. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apple's CarPlay. APPLE INC.

1 New technology

Carmakers are preparing to fend off tech companies like Google and Apple from dominating the market for services to Internet-connected cars. Those new businesses could include real-time navigation that automatically plots routes around slippery conditions, or it could be a parking place finder that quickly guides the driver to that last elusive spot on a Saturday night. The question is who will build the systems and reap the profits — and how? Analysts say carmakers may have to band together to come up with common platforms and shared systems that can quickly draw in masses of data and dominate the business. A sign of things to come could be the recent deal in which Daimler, Volkswagen's Audi and BMW teamed up to buy Nokia's HERE digital mapping service.

Traffic in Beijing. ISTOCK

2 China troubles

Falling demand for new cars in China is a concern for global automakers, but none more than the host Germans. Daimler AG's Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen AG's Audi, and BMW AG have all fattened sales and profits there through exports and cars built with local partners in joint ventures. Executives have already warned of what they call a "normalization" of the China car market after years of very rapid growth.

The new Bentley Bentayga. JENS MEYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Riding high

Luxury SUVs are a thing this year. High-priced brands are looking to expand their model range and find ways to tap the lucrative end of the market. Bentley, the luxury brand owned by Volkswagen, has its Bentayga, which combines stylish touches such as the classic large Bentley front grille and a choice of 15 interior leather colours with off-road features such as a front skid plate and aluminum roof rails. The company is touting not just luxury but power and speed; the vehicle has 608 horsepower and a top speed of 301 km/h. Jaguar has the F-Pace, which uses chassis underpinnings from its sports cars that are aimed at providing sharper handling for the company's first entry into the SUV race.

GM's Opel Astra. OPEL/GM VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 The rest of us

Mass-market carmakers face brutal competition in the market for more basic transportation. Renault is showing off the fourth generation of its Megane with a slightly wider stance and shorter overhangs to give it a sportier look, and offers a GT performance version immediately at sales launch. GM's redesigned Opel Astra should be sprightlier after losing up to 200 kilograms in weight compared to its predecessor. Its entertainment system supports both the Android Auto and Apple CarPlay standards, enabling drivers to use their smartphone messaging and navigation functions through the car's dashboard display.

5 The home team

The German carmakers will do a little chest-thumping at their home show with huge pavilions and thunderously loud audio-visual displays at Frankfurt's Messe exhibition centre. BMW is building a 400-metre test track inside its pavilion so its vehicles can whiz past showgoers. Audi is putting up a separate three-storey building with space for 33 vehicles and 200 kilometres of cables.

Daimler CEO Dieter Zetsche. MICHAEL PROBST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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007 RIDE WATCH THE ASTON MARTIN DB10 PERFORM Aston Martin has released a video of the bespoke, one-off supercar created for the latest James Bond film being put through its paces by stunt driver Mark Higgins. The latest Aston, the seventh car from the company to appear on screen alongside the world's most famous fictional British spy since the film series began, is the first James Bond Aston Martin that's truly bespoke — even before Q's upgrades. Although 10 examples have been made to cope with the rigours of filming Spectre, the company, as yet, has no intention of selling any of them to the general public. All of which means the video is the closest any of us are going to get to knowing what it's like to drive it. Spectre, the 24th official James Bond film, will hit cinemas in the U.K. on Oct. 26 and receive its global release in November. Watch the video at youtu.be/oSJ8ryVlM8A. AFP; PHOTO: ASTON MARTIN LAGONDA

Carmakers pledge auto-braking

U.S. MARKET

Major firms agree to install technology as standard feature

Major global carmakers pledged Friday to install auto-braking technology as a standard feature for vehicles sold in the U.S. market, government and safety officials announced.

The technology, which is already an option on some cars, uses on-vehicle sensors to detect a possible collision and applies brakes if the driver fails to respond to warning sounds.

Because human error and driver distraction are key factors in many road accidents, the auto emergency braking (AEB) technology is expected to substantially reduce rear-end collisions and other accidents.

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"We are entering a new era of vehicle safety, focused on preventing crashes from ever occurring, rather than just protecting occupants when crashes happen," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, making the announcement at an event hosted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

"But if technologies such as automatic emergency braking are only available as options or on the most expensive models, too few Americans will see the benefits of this new era."

Ten automakers, whose cars account for more than half the U.S. market, agreed to make the auto-braking technology a standard feature: Audi, BMW, Ford, General Motors, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Tesla, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo.

"The evidence is mounting that AEB is making a difference," said insurance institute president Adrian Lund.

"Most crashes involve driver error. This technology can compensate for the mistakes every driver makes because the systems are always on alert, monitoring the road ahead and never getting tired or distracted."

Lund said several studies including one from the institute shows the auto-braking technology can reduce insurance injury claims by as much as 35 per cent.

The announcement did not include a specific timetable for deployment of the new systems. Transportation officials said they would be urging the other carmakers to join the pledge to make the technology standard as soon as possible. AFP

TOYOTA LEADS

Record production, sales in world car market

The global production of vehicles increased by 2.7 per cent to 89.9 million units in 2014, a new record, according to data from the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers.

Over this period, Toyota remained the manufacturer that produced the most cars.

As well, more new cars were sold in 2014 than in any other year (a little over 65 million).

China yet again dominated the ranking for new vehicle registrations of new individual cars, with a market share at 30.3 per cent.

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Some 19.7 million new cars were bought in China in 2014.

The United States, however, remained the largest consumer of commercial vehicles with 9.1 million new car registrations out of 23.2 million recorded worldwide.

The OICA is the international organization of the various national manufacturer associations and in constant contact with world governments to discuss directives.

Here is the Top 10 biggest international car manufacturers (in millions of cars produced in 2014):

1. Toyota: 10.4750
2. Volkswagen: 10.093
3. GM: 9.609
4. Hyundai: 8.009
5. Ford: 5.970
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Braves snap home losing streak in walk-off style

Andrelton Simmons' tiebreaking RBI single in the ninth inning snapped a 12-game home losing streak and the Atlanta Braves beat the AL East-leading Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Toronto retained a three-game lead over the New York Yankees, who lost 6-3 to the Tampa Bay Rays.

The Blue Jays, despite the majors' best record since the all-star break, have lost two straight.

The Braves ended the longest home skid in franchise history. They began the game 14-46 overall since July 8.

Aaron Sanchez (7-6) took the loss, allowing four hits, one run and striking out one in 1-1/3 innings.

Arodys Vizcaino (3-1) faced the minimum in the ninth to earn the win.

Blue Jays sluggers Josh Donaldson and Jose Bautista went a combined 0-for-8 with four strikeouts. First baseman Edwin Encarnacion, Toronto's other big bat, missed his second straight game with an injured finger.

Justin Smoak drew a lead-off walk in the second inning and Toronto took the lead on Cliff Pennington's RBI single.

Atlanta went up 2-1 in the bottom of the inning when Simmons grounded out and Freddie Freeman reached on first baseman Smoak's fielding error.

Mark Buehrle struck out two and gave up six hits, one walk and two runs — one earned — in five innings. The left-hander threw just 66 pitches after getting a cortisone shot in his throwing shoulder Sept. 8.

Julio Teheran allowed five hits, two runs, four walks and struck out seven in 5-2/3 innings. He threw 113 pitches.

Smoak's 16th homer, a solo shot to start the sixth, made it 2-all.

Brett Cecil pitched a perfect sixth for Toronto, his 25th consecutive scoreless inning, most by an AL reliever this year.

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Andrelton Simmons of the Braves is doused after hitting a walk-off single against the Blue Jays on Tuesday night in Atlanta. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

TUESDAY In Atlanta

BRAVES	BLUE JAYS
3	2

PUSHED TO 'PEN

Manager John Gibbons has moved RHP Drew Hutchison to the bullpen as RHP Marcus Stroman moves into the five-man rotation. Hutchison is 13-4 but has a 5.33 ERA in 27 starts.

MLS

TFC looks to rid taste of defeat with win in New York

Sebastian Giovinco, left, netted a hat trick the last time Toronto FC played in Yankee Stadium. KEVIN HAGEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the wake of Sunday's disappointing loss to New England, Toronto FC captain Michael Bradley took solace in the fact that his team would be back in action Wednesday against New York City FC.

"It's the best thing. As opposed to having a week to sit around to watch and think and talk," said Bradley, victimized on the final goal in the 3-1 loss to the visiting Revolution.

"It comes quick and we'll make sure we're ready."

Toronto's first visit to Yankee Stadium on July 12 was anything but routine, however. And NYCFC has reloaded since.

"They've got a couple of new guys since we played them last," Toronto forward Robbie Findley said dryly.

That would be star midfielders Andrea Pirlo and Frank Lampard.

Last time out, referee Ted Unkel pointed to the penalty spot an MLS-record four times in a wild 4-4 tie on the narrow makeshift pitch in the Bronx. Toronto's Sebastian Giovinco scored three goals in nine minutes, the third-fastest hat trick in MLS history, and added an assist.

New York captain David Villa, who scored both goals in a 2-0 win in Toronto on June 20, answered with another brace.

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ROSTER

Toronto will be bolstered by the return of holding midfielder Collen Warner from suspension. Influential midfielder Benoit Cheyrou should also be back from an ankle injury.

IN BRIEF

Gagne's playing days over

Simon Gagne announced his retirement Tuesday after playing 14 NHL seasons, winning the Stanley Cup with the Los Angeles Kings and capturing a gold medal with Canada at the 2002 Olympics.

Gagne, whose time in the league was plagued by injuries, still put up 291 goals and 310 assists in 822 career regular-season games for the Philadelphia Flyers, Kings, Tampa Bay Lightning and Boston Bruins.

The left-winger was a major contributor to the Flyers' run to the 2010 Cup final, scoring two game-winning goals as Philadelphia erased a 3-0 series deficit to beat the Bruins. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Adidas replaces Reebok as NHL's jersey supplier

Adidas will take over production of NHL uniforms beginning in the 2017-'18 season, and it's unclear just how many changes will come as a result. The NHL announced a seven-year deal with Adidas to be its on-ice uniform supplier and also to serve as outfitter for next year's World Cup of Hockey. Commissioner Gary Bettman shot down speculation about the announcement opening the door for advertisements on jerseys and said he didn't think they would go through a major redesign. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL's opening weekend yields four missed PATs

If the NFL's opening weekend was any indication of what is to come, post-touchdown conversions could be must-watch moments rather than the bathroom breaks they've long been for viewers on the couch or customers at the stadium.

In light of the league's decision to push the line of scrimmage back from the 2-yard line to the 15, four extra points failed over the weekend in 75 attempts. That's already half the amount of extra points that were missed in 2014, when NFL kickers went 1,222-for-1,230 (99.3 per cent). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Bombers trade draft pick for rights to Ticats QB Boyd

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers acquired the negotiation list rights to quarterback Tajh Boyd from the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Tuesday in exchange for a conditional pick in the 2017 CFL Draft.

The six-foot 225-pound pivot spent four seasons at Clemson and led the Tigers to an Orange Bowl victory in his senior year. He has been added to the Blue Bombers' practice roster. Boyd was selected in the sixth round of the 2014 NFL draft by the New York Jets. He signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers last March but was released last month.

Boyd was the ACC player of the year in 2012 and was named MVP of the Chick-fil-A Bowl that season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

LAFC will be name of Los Angeles' second MLS team

Major League Soccer's expansion club in Los Angeles finally has an official name: the Los Angeles Football Club, or LAFC.

LAFC has been the informal name of the team since its owners were admitted to the league nearly a year ago. The club finally made it official Tuesday on Twitter, saying its supporters demanded the name.

LAFC is owned by Malaysian billionaire Vincent Tan, American venture capitalist Henry Nguyen and a celebrity-studded list of minority investors including Magic Johnson, Peter Guber, Tony Robbins, Mia Hamm and Nomar Garciaparra.

LAFC joins MLS in 2018, a year later than originally planned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kosovo applying for UEFA membership this week

Kosovo can move closer to joining UEFA this week with a place in 2018 World Cup qualifying at stake.

Membership of Europe's football body is needed before joining FIFA, and is part of Kosovo's push for international recognition since declaring independence from Serbia in 2008.

UEFA's executive committee can rule the Balkan republic eligible to apply when it meets on Thursday in Malta. UEFA general secretary Gianni Infantino says "it is on the agenda to look at Kosovo's application." Kosovo can get full membership at UEFA's annual congress next March in Budapest, Hungary. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

United's horrid Euro return

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

PSV's Moreno scores after breaking Luke Shaw's leg

Hector Moreno of PSV Eindhoven scores their equalizer during the Group B match against Manchester United at PSV Stadion in the Netherlands. Moreno earlier broke Luke Shaw's leg with a two-footed tackle. DEAN MOUHTAROPOULOS/GETTY IMAGES

Manchester United squandered a lead to lose 2-1 at PSV Eindhoven and had left back Luke Shaw carried off with a broken right leg on an unhappy return to the Champions League on Tuesday.

Shaw required oxygen while he was taken off on a stretcher after being hurt by a two-footed tackle from Hector Moreno tackle in PSV's area in the 15th minute. Images showed Shaw's right foot was bent at a 45-degree angle and United said after the match that Shaw "suffered a double fracture of the leg."

"It is awful," United manager Louis van Gaal said. "When he came into the dressing room, he had an oxygen mask and was crying."

Memphis Depay, signed from PSV this summer, gave United the lead in the 41st minute of the Group B match by dribbling between two defenders and shooting through the goalkeeper's legs.

Moreno equalized in the lengthy period of first-half stoppage time — caused by his challenge on Shaw — with a header that deflected in off United defender Daley Blind. Luciano Narsingh's 57th-minute goal secured victory for the Dutch champions, who were the top seeds in the group but arguably the weakest team out of United, Wolfsburg and CSKA Moscow.

TUESDAY In Eindhoven

PSV	MAN.UTD
2	1

For United, the disappointing result of its first Champions League match in 17 months will be overshadowed by the injury to Shaw, whose displays this season demonstrated why the club made him one of the world's most expensive teenagers by signing the then-18-year-old in the summer of 2014 for $46 million.

> **When I say it's a penalty and a red card, I'm a bad loser. It was a bad tackle with two legs.**
> Manchester United manager Louis Van Gaal on Hector Moreno's tackle on Luke Shaw

"Defeat hurts," United goalkeeper David de Gea said, "but Luke Shaw's injury hurts even more."

Shaw was running into the PSV penalty area when he was felled by a challenge from Moreno. He was clearly in pain as he fell to the ground and there was a delay of about eight minutes as medical staff attended to him on the pitch.

Not even a foul was awarded and United would have felt a sense of injustice when Moreno rose in the second minute of stoppage time to head in a ball that flicked off Blind and into the net.

"When I say it's a penalty and a red card, I'm a bad loser," Van Gaal said of Moreno's tackle on Shaw. "It was a bad tackle with two legs."

A brilliant piece of skill from Depay earned United the lead. The Dutch winger cut inside from the left, weaved between two tacklers and finished low with his left foot.

Depay has been saving his best displays for United for the Champions League, scoring twice against Bruges in the qualifying playoff. Shaw was replaced by Marcos Rojo and the Argentina international's slack defending led to PSV's winner. A floated cross from the left by Maxime Lestienne went over the head of Rojo and was met by Narsinghe, who nodded in.

Juan Mata wasted United's best chance at an equalizer, miscontrolling with the goal gaping after being found by Bastian Schweinsteiger.

"We can only blame ourselves because we have created so many chances," Van Gaal said. "You have to be effective and PSV were very effective because they scored out of nothing. A deviated ball from a corner kick and another finish after a passing error in the first phase." Wolfsburg beat CSKA Moscow 1-0 in the other Group B match. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OTHER RESULTS

Group A
Paris St G 2-0 Malmö FF
Real Madrid 4-0 Shakt Donsk

Group B
VfL Wolfsburg 1-0 CSKA

Group C
Benfica 2-0 FC Astana
Galatasaray 0-2 Atl Madrid

Group D
Man City 1-2 Juventus
Sevilla 3-0 Borussia Mönchengladbach

RUGBY

Five to watch at this year's World Cup in Britain

Kieran Read, New Zealand

Israel Folau, Australia

Jacques Burger, Namibia

Courtney Lawes, England

Referee Nigel Owens

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Kieran Read, New Zealand
The six-foot-four, 245-pound No. 8 was named World Rugby Player of the Year in 2013. Big and mobile, Read has no problem being in the thick of things.

But he can also often be found near the sideline, adding another link to the New Zealand backline where his ability to offload in the tackle adds to an already potent attack. The 29-year-old has 90 points and 78 caps for New Zealand.

Israel Folau, Australia
Just 26, Folau came to rugby union late after careers in rugby league and Australian Rules Football. After two seasons in the Australian Football League, he signed with Super Rugby's Waratahs in December 2012 and made his Wallabies debut in 2013. A silky-smooth runner, the six-foot-four 227-pound back is excellent under the high ball.

Jacques Burger, Namibia
Playing in his third World Cup, the 32-year-old Saracens flanker and Namibia captain is a hard man known for his ferocious hits on the field. The six-foot-two, 234-pounder pays for his style of play, sacrificing his body for the cause. Burger's nose hasn't been straight for a while but he can be a one-man wrecking crew.

Courtney Lawes, England
Another huge hitter, the six-foot-seven, 260-pound Northampton Saints lock has left a trail of bodies in his wake. Tall and athletic, the 26-year-old Lawes has the speed to line up opponents and the power to cut right through them.

Referee Nigel Owens
The 44-year-old was the most experienced with 60 tests when World Rugby announced its referee panel for the tournament. The openly gay Welshman is also considered to be one of the world's best officials. Viewers will be able to hear Owens and other referees during the tournament, as they are wearing microphones. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- 1 Tbsp grated ginger root
- 1 Tbsp chopped garlic
- 2 tsp sesame oil

- 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp oil
- 2 cups sugar snap peas, sliced in half
- 2 tsp black and white sesame seeds

Directions

1. Sauce: Combine sugar, vinegar, soy sauce, ginger, garlic and sesame oil. Set aside.
2. Dust chicken with cornstarch. In a large skillet, add oil and sauté chicken just until cooked through to about 160 F for about 10 minutes. Cut into one-inch pieces.
3. Wipe out skillet, spray with vegetable oil and sauté snap peas just until bright green and still crisp about two minutes. Add dressing and chicken and stir fry just until sauce slightly thickens. Place in serving dish and garnish with sesame seeds.

Nutrition per serving
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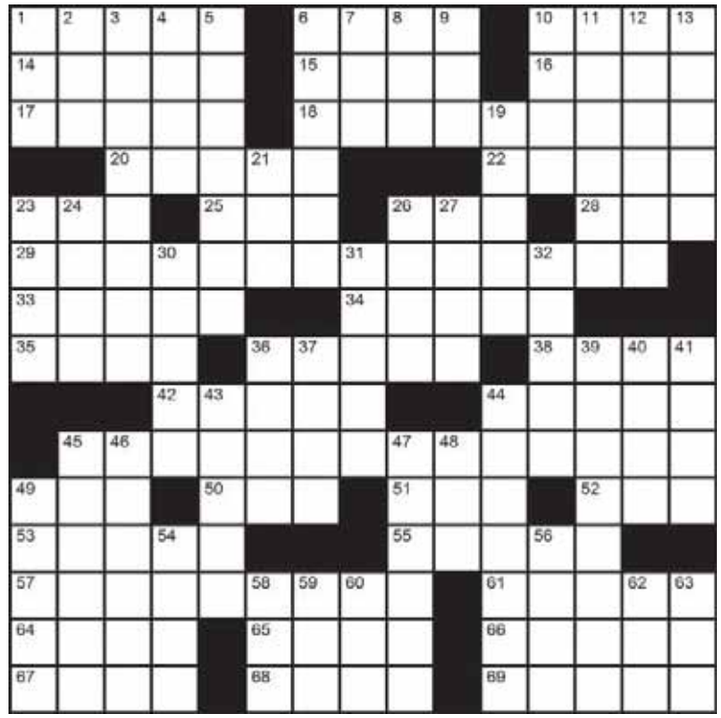

ACROSS
1. The real deal
6. Macklemore & __ Lewis
10. Marianas island
14. Sidestep
15. Roof's overhang
16. Formerly
17. R.U.R. playwright Mr. Capek
18. Star Wars furry fellow
20. Major airline in The States
22. Embellish
23. Chill
25. 'Garlic' in Gaspe
26. Fall from grace
28. Away
29. Romantic setting for two in a quaint restaurant: 2 wds.
33. Bay window
34. __ prosequi (Not proceeding, in law)
35. Sort of tide
36. Transferred image, such as a non-permanent tattoo
38. Alphabet sequence
42. City of canals in Japan
44. Three member groups
45. After supper chore: 2 wds.
49. Jack, to Ozzy
50. Previous
51. Nonverbally agree
52. Names like Larry's character on "Dallas"
53. Industrial city in Germany
55. Sporty clothing fabric
57. To that matter, archaically
61. Oars-wielding one
64. The Yukon, e.g.
65. Dracula's one-of-two
66. Arm bones
67. Bits of food
68. Aware/privy: 2 wds.
69. Orange flavourings

DOWN
1. Currency in Albania
2. Little __ ('60s songstress)
3. Evergreen shrub with large white blossoms
4. Notion, in Montreal
5. __-__ book (Revealing celebrity read)
6. Remember
7. Derisive shout!
8. Portage in Winnipeg, e.g.
9. Hot off the press
10. Prod
11. Not hip
12. Grow, as bank interest
13. Intended
19. Commonplace
21. Affiliation
23. Desktop symbol
24. Attention
26. Ancient portico
27. "__ cost you!"
30. Terminus
31. Machu Picchu inhabitant
32. Oft-quoted baseball legend Yogi
36. Willy Wonka's creator Roald
37. Laboriously got by
39. Nickname for Newfoundland's capital that has a unique spelling: 2 wds.
40. Roadie's gig
41. Mail org. in The States
43. Elegant biscuit
44. 2016 U.S. Presidential candidate born in Canada in 1970: 2 wds.
45. __ salt (Seasoning sort)
46. Shopping sales magazine added to a newspaper
47. Iconic train symbol created by Toronto-born graphic designer Allan Fleming (b.1929 - d.1977): acr. + wd.
48. Moviedom's Myrna
49. Brief but heated squabble
54. Goes astray
56. Character's function
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IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your ideas may be amazing but unless you find practical ways of applying them to your everyday affairs they won't do you much good. All you need is one simple idea that can be consistently applied — then you'll find fame and fortune.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Something you begin over the next few days could change your life in remarkable ways, so stop dithering and start living the dream.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Not everything will go the way you want but things that work out right will far outnumber those that don't. A dispute can now easily be resolved — if you are willing to say sorry first.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Because recent months have been hectic for you there were a number of things you wanted to do but never quite got round to. Now you can begin to move in a more agreeable direction. Focus only on what brings a smile to your face.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The successes and triumphs of late could still easily be reversed, so don't start thinking you no longer need to make an effort. Don't slow down just before the final chapter.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Before the Sun leaves your sign on the 23rd there will be one or two more surprises. Make the most of your opportunities.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Get your head around what you need to change to make your life more complete. Be practical — don't let idle daydreams lead you astray.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Are you delighted with what you have achieved? Or are you saddened because you wasted so many opportunities? Either way, do not get worked up about it. You will always get another chance.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The way you react to problems is important today. If you criticize others too harshly then you must expect to make yourself unpopular — and most likely make matters worse. Strive to see the good in everyone.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Open your eyes to new possibilities. Too often in the past you have been content to let life come to you, but now you must push yourself forward at every opportunity. Success comes to those who dare.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Over the next few days you should take any and every opportunity to rest, recuperate and recharge. When the Sun changes signs on the 23rd it will be all go again so save yourself for then.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Your brain will be buzzing with big ideas. But are they practical ideas? For best results you should limit yourself to one or two objectives.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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